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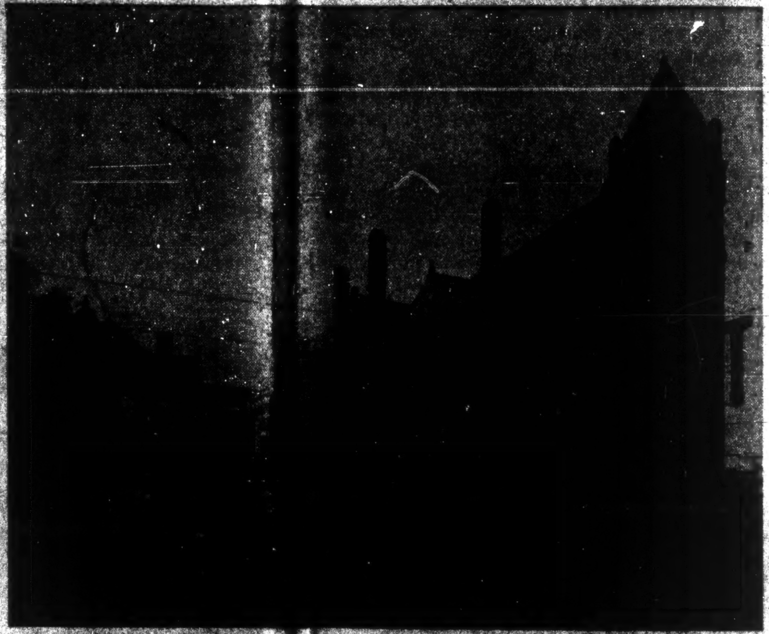
BIRMINGHAM LEADERS GET SET FOR GREAT SPIRITUAL AWAKENING



Pictured here is the First Methodist Church of Birmingham. This was the Host Church of the great Alabama Conference for N. A. E., where Dr. Fred R. Chenault is the pastor.

Shuler, Bradbury and Wright Speakers at 3-Day Conference

BIRMINGHAM, Jan. 15— A three-day conference in this city was concluded last night, which brought the enthusiasm for N. A. E. of the Bible believing people of this section to a new high.

The historic First Methodist Church was put at the disposal of the committee for all sessions. This church has a great record of service to the cause of Christ under the leadership of some of the greatest preachers of the Southland. Its present pastor, Dr. Fred R. Chenault, was most cordial in his interest and co-operation.

There were four sessions daily: at 10:30 A. M. for pastors and church leaders; at 12:10 P. M. for business people; at 3:00 P. M. for the deepening of spiritual life, and at 7:30 P. M., when the messengers sounded the evangelistic note.

Dr. Bob Shuler, famous pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Los Angeles, was present the first two days, and brought challenging messages which sounded the alarm regarding moral decline and apostasy in the church. He stressed the need of a great spiritual awakening if the church is to be delivered from its present peril. He dealt with the sins of the day unspar- [illegible]

[illegible] ning services on the closing day. He carefully developed in his several masterly addresses the character and mission [illegible]

Dr. J. Elwin Wright brought two addresses. The first, on the opening morning, was a call to fellowship of all believers. On the third morning, he reviewed the rise of modernism in this country and proved by scores of quotations from the leaders of modernism that it is dominating the super organizations, which are in control of many church activities today, and that its philosophy is in direct opposition to the historic doctrines of the church. Dr. Wright also presented a different phase of the work of N. A. E. in each service.

On the final afternoon, a business session was held at which the following state committee was elected to carry on the work for the coming years:

Chairman — Dr. John E. Marion, Baptist
Vice-Chairman — Rev. Glenn V. Tingley, Christian and Missionary Alliance
Secretary — Major Henry S. Wilkins, Salvation Army
Treasurer — Rev. G. W. Elliott, Methodist
Executive Committee:
Rev. William C. Bennett, Southeastern Bible School
Dr. W. T. Berry, Business Men's Evangelistic Club
Rev. Hendon Brown, Birmingham Bible Institute
Rev. James S. Conwell, [illegible]
[illegible] Methodist
[illegible] Ray Hance — [illegible]
[illegible] A. Mansfield, Bryan [illegible]

the PRESIDENT'S column

Since the January announcement of the decision by the Executive Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals to write a new series of evangelical uniform Sunday School lessons, a host of suggestions, inquiries and helpful comments have been received. It is very obvious that this is one of the most crying needs in the Christian field today. We wish to state that all interested parties are being contacted and consulted, that definite progress is being made in the form of surveys of the need and in consideration of all the Sunday School lesson series now in the field. We believe that by the time the Columbus convention adjourns we will have some very important announcements to make of interest to the whole nation.

We have called a preliminary meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 11, at Columbus of the evangelicals interested in this project, whether from the church school, the Sunday School movement, the publishers, or the author's view point. The advice of that pre-convention meeting will have important bearings upon the action taken by N.A.E. at Columbus.

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Numerous requests for ... space at the Columbus convention have been received ... [illegible]

... are being ... and registrations are being received for this convention.

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Evangelicals of U. S. and Canada To Gather At Columbus April 12 to 17 For Second Annual N.A.E. Convention

BOSTON, Mass.—Anyone in doubt about the interest and enthusiasm throughout the country for the National Association will do well to join the hundreds who are to come from every section of the country to the second annual convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio the week following Easter. It is freely predicted that the attendance will far outstrip that of the meeting held in Chicago last May when 731 persons registered.

Already numerous committees are actively engaged in laying the ground work for the many work-study sessions to be held to grapple with major problems facing the church.

Several important preliminary sessions will take place, starting as early as Monday, the tenth, when related organizations will meet to consider some of the important matters which must come before the convention.

Wednesday, the twelfth, will be occupied with the registration and locating of delegates, meetings of the Board of Administration and Advisory Committee. The evening will witness another of the truly great prayer meetings with which the national conference habitually open.

Thursday, the thirteenth, will be entirely given over to a great conference on evangelism, in which some of the leading evangelists of the country will have a part. Dr. Bob Jones, who has so successfully led several of the major meetings held under N.A.E. auspices will be one of the principal speakers. This will be announced next month.

On the fourteenth and fifteenth [illegible]

[illegible] committees—Constitution, Fraternal Relations, Nominations, Policy, Finance, etc.

Sunday will be devoted to witnessing in many churches [illegible]

Northern Baptists Form New Mission Board

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, sponsored by Northern Baptist Convention churches dissatisfied with the compromised evangelical policy of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, was organized recently at a constitutional convention in Tabernacle Baptist Church. The delegates ratified recommendations made by representatives of almost 1,000 churches attending regional meetings in San Francisco, Chicago and New York City.

Dr. E. Myers Harrison, former missionary to Burma and now pastor of Chicago's Woodlawn Baptist Church, was elected the Society's first president. Dr. Harrison plans to return to Burma, where he served six years, "as soon as the armed forces drive out the Japs." Dr. Theodore Taylor, pastor of Central Baptist Church, New York City, was named vice-president, and the Rev. I. Cedric Peterson, pastor of Chicago's Lorimer Memorial [illegible]

[illegible] cers, listing prominent Northern Baptist Convention pastors from all sections of the nation, was named.

The Society extended calls [illegible]

AN EDITORIAL

The Christian Beacon Versus the Facts

We regret saying anything which will add fuel to the fire in the matter of the American Council versus the N. A. E., but some statement seems to be necessary at this time, as our silence might be misconstrued as an admission of the truthfulness of [illegible]

[illegible] Federal Council, which represents denominations outside the Federal Council."

THE FACTS: N. A. E. has 18 denominations in its membership. ALL are entirely outside the Fed- [illegible]

Connecticut Interest Alive

(Special New Haven)

At a call from many of the Christian leaders in the state, Mr. Carl F. Ashe, Assistant Secretary of N.A.E. in Boston, and the Rev. Ivar Sellevaag, who is treasurer of the New [illegible]

In this connection, they met with a most hearty response, also an interest in effecting a state wide committee that can function in matters vitally af- [illegible]

...tels and [illegible] received [illegible] this conven-
...n.

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The dates set by the Great ...mmission Prayer League for ... all day of prayer are May ... and November 25. It is ...nestly to be hoped that all ...angelicals will solidly sup-...rt this united prayer effort ... those who believe America ...st be brought to repentance ...d to her knees in prayer if ... are to have a national re-...al. It is expected that the ...A.E. will formally vote in ... Columbus convention to ...pport this effort of the Great ...mmission Prayer League ...d to observe these days of ...ayer. All evangelical organ-...tions ought to lay plans for ...h united prayer.

[illegible] Relations, Nominations, Policy, Finance, etc.

Sunday will be devoted to witnessing in many churches and to the great mass meetings planned for afternoon and evening.

Monday, reports will be adopted, constitutional changes made, officers elected and the 1945 convention located. A great banquet will be the closing feature.

Who will be at the convention? Well, perhaps it would be simpler to ask who will not be there. Whether you think of evangelists, pastors, broadcasters, mission executives, educators, publishers of religious literature, the chances are that a good percentage of those you know will show up for the great gathering.

[illegible] Baptist Convention pastors from all sections of the nation, was named.

The Society extended calls to four missionary couples, and received an immediate acceptance from the Rev. and Mrs. Eric Frykenberg of Worcester, Massachusetts, Baptist missionaries in South India for two terms.

Scheduling its next national assembly at Atlantic City, N. J., in May in connection with the Northern Baptist Convention, the group consecrated Mr. Frykenberg to missionary work during a prayer service. They promised a new era for Northern Baptist Missions, in which churches could be assured that funds would be used for the support of evangelical missionaries only.

"The brightest hope in the world is not the promise of a global police force, nor a league of nations," declared Dr. Harrison, "but the promise of divine peace, of forgiveness of

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...minent Christian Leaders Discuss ...ost War Problems at Calvary Church

NEW YORK—A new type ... Christian conference, suited ... the times, was held at Cal-...ry Baptist Church December ... to January 2.

Dr. William Ward Ayer, ...stor of the host church, ...s its director. The sessions ...re devoted to a considera-...n of post war problems and ...ctical methods by which the ...urch can meet the issues of ... days before us.

The first days were devoted ... evangelism with Rev. Hy-...n Appelman as the speaker. ... Arthur W. McKee was the ...g leader throughout the ...ies.

On Wednesday afternoon ... Ayer spoke on the Post ...r World. He was followed ... Dr. J. Elwin Wright of Bos-... who also spoke in the eve-...g on Gospel Broadcasting. ...Thursday was devoted to ... War Missionary Expan-...n, with messages by Dr. ...n W. Bradbury, Rev. I. V. ...prash, Rev. Thomas Mac-...nald, Dr. Harold T. Com-...ns, Rev. George E. Fisk ... Mr. Howard W. Ferrin.

The attention of the conference on Friday was directed to Post War Youth Problems. Rev. A. B. Reed spoke on Evangelism in the High Schools; Rev. E. L. Wertheim on Bible Picture Stories. Mr. Jack Wyrtzen, Dr. R. V. Arnspegle, Dr. John H. McComb and Chaplain Charles J. Anderson spoke on various phases of youth work. The final speaker of the day, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., addressed the conference on "Youth Inventory."

On Saturday Dr. L. Sale-Harrison brought a very helpful message on "Prophecy and the Post War World." The Federal Bureau of Investigation sent Mr. H. T. Harbo to inform the conference about juvenile delinquency.

Two messages from Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., and other stirring messages brought the series to a grand climax on Sunday. The attendance was light in the earlier part of the week, but grew to capacity audiences in the later sessions. Many came from other cities to get the benefit of the discussions.

Pastor's Talk Inspires Stranger To Contribute $2,200 For Missions

RICHMOND, Va. (RNS)—The Rev. James C. Sanders, youthful pastor of Byrd Park Methodist Church here, gave a talk on world missions at his church one night recently.

The next morning a stranger visited the pastor's home, said that he had heard the talk and he and his wife would like to give a small present for the missionary work of the church.

He handed the surprised pastor two $100 bills. Following church services the next morning the same man rang the preacher's doorbell. "My wife and I decided we had not done enough for missions," he said. "Here is another contribution."

This time he handed the pastor $2,000.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. is sending Mr. Harbo to the N.A.E. convention to speak on Juvenile Delinquency. His address will be on the afternoon of April 14.

Federal Council, which [illegible] denominations outside the Federal Council."

THE FACTS: N. A. E. has 15 denominations in its membership. ALL are entirely outside the Federal Council and have no relationship to it. Only six per cent of our membership is in churches having a denominational affiliation with the Federal Council, and these churches are not in N. A. E. through their denomination but as single churches. N. A. E. has received every recognition by government and radio agencies to represent its constituency which has been accorded the American Council.

THE BEACON: "The leaders of the National Association said that it would be inexpedient to draw the line between the Federal Council and an organization such as the American Council . . . The National Association of Evangelicals . . . has refused to go on record against the Federal Council, to repudiate it in any way."

THE FACTS: The following statement has been officially adopted by the Board of Administration of N. A. E. It has been published in a folder entitled: "National Association of Evangelicals, What It Is and How Does It Function?" Many thousands have been circulated throughout the country. The American Council leaders are aware of the existence of this statement for they have many times quoted other excerpts from the same folder.

"What is its attitude toward the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America? The Federal Council, because of its lack of a positive stand on the essential doctrines of the Christian faith, its inclusion of leaders who have repudiated these doctrines and its active support of programs and institutions which are non-evangelical or apostate, does not represent the evangelicals of America. The National Association of Evangelicals was organized because of this fact and its creation is a testimonial to the conviction of its constituency that the Federal Council does not represent Bible believing Christians."

THE BEACON: "The Blue Network assured the American Council leaders that they could count in the securing of time for the American Council those individuals and churches, who, by signature, repudiate the Federal Council's representation of them."

THE FACTS: From the Blue Network under the date of January 10, 1944: "Concerning your question regarding individuals who are associated with "central religious organizations of denominations" by petition or otherwise, it seems to me that these individuals cannot reasonably be included in the membership figures for such organization. Our policy in scheduling religious broadcasts is to deal only with central organizations representing the

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In this connection, they [illegible] with a most hearty response, also an interest in effecting a state wide committee that can function in matters vitally affecting the Bible believing churches today.

In another column of this issue you will note announcement of a state-wide meeting to be held February 21st at New Haven, Connecticut. At the afternoon session a business meeting will be held for the purpose of electing a state committee officer for Connecticut.

This meeting will be held in the Evangelical Church on Elm and Platt Streets, Rev. E. S. Eielsen, pastor.

Chain Letters Call Bombing of Germany 'Punishment from God'

STOCKHOLM (by wireless) (RNS) — Chain letters asserting that the bombing of Germany by the Allies is "a punishment from God" are being widely distributed in Berlin, according to reports reaching here from the German citadel.

Circulated surreptitiously, the letters quote passages from the Bible to prove that the bombings are not due primarily to British and American air squadrons, but are a means through which God is severely punishing the German people.

Several German newspapers have warned that it is a political offense to print or circulate such letters, and have urged recipients to deliver them immediately to local authorities. The letters bear no identification except the words, "True Christian Sect."

The reaction of many German people to repeated bombardments has been to turn increasingly toward religion for comfort, and churches in various parts of the country are reported crowded with visitors.

All indications point to an early sell-out of banquet tickets at Columbus on April 17. Tickets are [illegible] and 1200 is the limit. Have you received yours? Take a tip and get them while they are available.

[illegible] services on the closing day. He carefully developed, in his several masterly addresses, the character and mission of the church, its essential oneness and its destiny. This unity in diversity was contrasted with the futile attempt of certain organizations to bring about organic unity while ignoring the essential thing — spiritual unity. The philosophy of the National Association was clearly set forth.

[illegible] Methodist
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Rev. J. A. [illegible], Bryan Community Center
Rev. V. V. Pate, Pentecostal
Rev. C. E. Richeson, Assembly of God
Rev. K. V. Shutes, Freewill Baptist
Rev. J. L. Thomas, Methodist
Rev. W. W. Wallace, Fifth Avenue Mission

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Five Missionaries Reported Victims At Hands Of South American Tribe

By DR. CARL F. H. HENRY

CHICAGO, Ill., January 18. Five missionaries who plunged unarmed into the "Green Hell" of the Bolivian Jungle in an attempt to convert the Barabos Indians are lost and feared victims of one of South America's last savage tribes.

For two months there has been no trace of the quintet, part of the first contingent of missionaries sent by New Tribes Mission, 871 Rush St., Chicago, to work among the Barabos, also called Barbacoas, who shoot poison arrows from primitive blow pipes and bows, and who wield aboriginal type tomahawks.

A missionary searching party aided by a government expedition on January 7 came upon a jungle camp apparently ransacked by the Barabos, and personal articles belonging to the missing men were found. The American Embassy in Bolivia indicated that the missionaries, if alive, are in the hands of the wild Indians. Newspaper reports that a blood-soaked Bible and other articles evidencing a death struggle were found in the camp have not been verified, although the report has created widespread impression that the missionaries have lost their lives. The camp was found 50 miles from the Brazilian border in savage jungle land.

The missing men are Cecil A. Dye, 33, and Robert, 26, his brother; Eldon Hunter, 21; David Bacon, 24; and George Hosbach, 20. All were members of the Baptist Tabernacle in Saginaw, Michigan, where the elder Dye served as pastor, after resigning the editorship of the Chrysler Motor Company's publications. Dye had trained the workers personally. Later they took a short course at New Tribes Mission, which stimulates missionary interest in unreached natives and stresses missionary pioneer opportunities. It is directed by Paul Fleming, a missionary returned to America two years ago from Malaya. The younger Dye resigned a hundred dollar a week toolmaker's job to join the missionary party. The group lived in Saginaw with the exception of Hosbach, who was from West Branch, Michigan.

Fourteen months ago the party of sixteen, including five children, sailed for South America. On the way to their Robore headquarters 300 miles east of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, the group won numerous converts in villages on the fringe of the jungle. Later, two workers, Joe Moreno and Wally Wright, were sent to survey the field for a pioneer thrust. Two months ago the five, inspired by success in winning converts, plunged into the thick jungle.

Though the men were wind-

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Special Welcome To Returning Veterans Urged

By Religious News Service

Chicago—An appeal to Lutheran clergymen and church members to assume active responsibility now for the reintegration of returning service men and women into the life of the Church has been issued by Dr. J. W. Behnken, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States.

In a pastoral letter addressed to ministers affiliated with the Synod, Dr. Behnken warned against permitting men or women in uniform to "slip back into the congregation unnoticed."

"Returning men and women must be welcomed back into our congregations," he said. "We should offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their safe return. We should plan to place them again into congregational activity and assure them that we appreciate it that they are back with us to carry on the work. They must be re-integrated into our congregational life for their own good and for the good of the congregation."

Dr. Behnken also emphasized the Church's obligation to extend its ministry to families of men killed in action and to wounded veterans.

Deploring the "alarming increase" in juvenile delinquency, the church official urged his fellow-religionists to combat all influences "which threaten to undermine the morals of youth today, and thus wreck many fond hopes of tomorrow's Church."

Outlawed Rumanian Baptists Holding Secret Meetings

STOCKHOLM (by wireless) (RNS) — Defying legal decrees outlawing the denomination in Rumania, Baptists in that country continue to hold religious services in homes and secret meeting places, a well-informed Swedish churchman told Religious News Service here.

He stated that illegal meetings are taking place more and more frequently, and that the condition of the Baptist body which, before its dissolution in December, 1942, embraced 1600 churches with a membership of 70,000, is still "strong."

Evangelist Walter Kallenbach will be ... at Columbus.

gion.

Representatives of the Eastern areas are Dr. Carey Thomas, First Baptist Church, Altoona, Pennsylvania; Dr. Clarence Roddy, Baptist Temple, Brooklyn, New York; Dr. Russell Purdy, First Baptist Church, Asbury Park, New Jersey; Dr. George Cole, Prospect Avenue Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York; Dr. Ernest Elwell, Broadway Baptist Church, Paterson, New Jersey; the Rev. Melville G. Hatcher, Stratfield Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Recommend Abolishing Restrictions On Religious Corporations

By Religious News Service

Jefferson City, Mo.—Abolition of present restrictions on organizations of religious corporations in Missouri, so that they would have the same rights as other corporations, has been recommended by the State Constitutional Convention's Committee on the Bill of Rights.

Existing Missouri law provides that religious corporations can be formed only for the purpose of holding title to real estate used for churches, parsonages, and cemeteries.

The right of any person to rely on prayer or spiritual means for healing would be guaranteed under another committee recommendation.

Birmingham Leaders

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Mrs. Watson, Pilgrim Holiness

It was voted to hold an eight-day conference on evangelism January 14 to 21, 1945. Plans are to be developed to make this a major feature of the church work in Alabama for the season of 1944-45.

Much of the success attending the conference held this week is due to the efforts of Rev. Glenn V. Tingley, pastor of the Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle, the retiring chairman.

The new president, Dr. John E. Marion, is pastor of the large First Baptist Church of Cullman and moderator of the largest rural association of Baptist churches in the South. He is a member of the Board of Administration of N. A. E. and holds many positions of trust and honor in his denomination and home city. His church recently applied for membership in N. A. E.

... placed on fellowship with the Lord Jesus, but only on the necessity of separation. This separation was negative. It was not primarily to Jesus Christ, but was from certain worldly practices categorically stated to be sinful.

She had been on gospel teams, frequently "had testified," passed out tracts, taught a Sunday School class, but she had never learned to walk with God in obedience. Christian service had been done in the energy of the flesh — in the youthful enthusiasm of new-found faith and at the bidding of others.

Jane was the unfortunate victim of teaching on separation which was not well-rounded. It was "legality" in the guise of "spirituality."

She had never learned to get things from God nor to hear Him speak to her personally. Stress had not been placed on her own "quiet time" with the Lord in prayer and Bible study—the most important factor in the life of any Christian. Her life needed not only to be emptied of its love of worldly pleasure, but filled with the Lord Himself. Certain practices had been wrenched out of her life, leaving a partial vacuum which Christian activity could never fill. Finding her heart "empty, swept and garnished," the unclean spirit had returned to this student, bringing "other spirits more wicked than himself." (Matt. 12:43-45).

Yet worldliness is the enemy responsible for more spiritual disaster among Christians on college campuses than materialistic philosophy and rationalistic science—popular opinion to the contrary.

Just what is worldliness? Actually, worldliness is an at-

people we have nothing for which to live, save the gratification of our various natural appetites and capacities. Such gratification results in gross excess and abandonment of restraint. For another—perhaps more refined and self controlled—a nobler and relatively more worthy indulgence. But in the final analysis, each person strives to please himself and satisfy his natural desires.

When a person becomes a Christian—"a new creature in Christ Jesus," he still has carnal appetites and desires which naturally belong to human beings. Now, however, it is no longer a question of pleasing or satisfying himself, as he no longer belongs to himself, but to Christ. As the result, his one privilege and duty in life is to please and obey Christ. Christ demands much more of His children than adherence to some credal form or standard of life, with the liberty, apart from certain restrictions, to live one's life on earth for oneself. Becoming a Christian is nothing less than marriage to Jesus Christ and the surrender of the right to independent thought and action. So it is never a question of whether we can take Christ to some place, or whether we are free to do certain things, but rather, whether He, the Lord of our life, wills to take us there. The one continuous question for the Christian is the will of God.

How inadequate, then, is the attempt to solve the problem of worldliness by simply prescribing certain things. If you, as a Christian, live for a career—even the career of a successful Christian worker—you are worldly. If you live for the sake of a home, a family, a ...

CHANGING RUSSIA

constitutes an ever-increasing challenge to the Christian Church. The rapid changes among the Slavic races from the Baltic to the Balkans serve to emphasize the clamant call to present and post-war ministry. For this we need funds for distribution of the WORD OF GOD among the Russians; for the support of RUSSIAN EVANGELISTS now on the Field from Harbin through Asia and Europe, North and South America and Australia; to build a RESERVE FUND to support a force of Russian Evangelists now in training for post-war advance.

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ministers who will conduct the classes. The four Toronto schools to have supplemental Bible classes will bring to 49 the number which now have regular weekly religious instruction. The arrangements were made by the Toronto Inter-Church Council.

He said young Chinese theological students have already expressed concern to him over the possibility that large numbers of experts may be sent to their country.

Dr. [illegible] expressed his country's gratitude for American aid to China during recent years and declared that despite war, suffering and poverty, the Chinese church is "still forging ahead."

Another speaker at the opening session, Tracy Strong, general secretary of the World's Committee of the Y. M. C. A., emphasized that the National Socialist party in Germany had completely failed to destroy the Christian church.

proposal to its 25 constituent denominations for study and action.

The proposed body would merge into one inclusive organization the following Protestant interdenominational agencies: the Federal Council of Churches, the International Council of Religious Education, the Council of Church Boards of Education, the Home Missions Council, the United Council of Church Women, and the United Stewardship Council.

To date, none of the eight agencies has taken final action on the proposal. In view of the time required for all boards and denomination agencies involved in the ...

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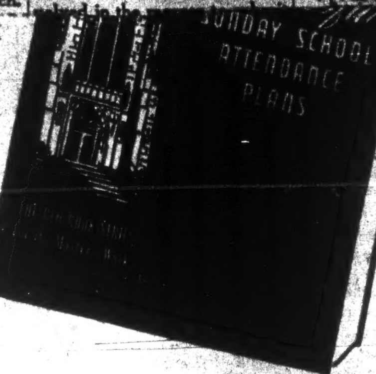

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Light For the World's Darkness

(A report of the second New York Congress on Prophecy held in the Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, December 5-12, 1943.)

By John W. Bradbury,
Editor "Watchman Examiner"

It is a great testimony to the vitality of Christian interest in the subject of Biblical prophecy that a second New York Congress on Prophecy could be held in wartime. The first Congress assembled in the Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, Nov. 1-8, 1942, and was a remarkable achievement. This year again, Bible loving Christians gathered from all parts of the United States to hear a great number of teachers, specially versed in prophetic truth. Like the first, the second Congress called for Christians to come together from all parts of the United States to the Calvary Church, New York, which generously offered its facilities through its pastor, Rev. William Ward Ayer, D. D. Both Congresses were held under the auspices of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., Brooklyn, New York. The program arrangements were directed by Dr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn, of that Board, and a corps of able assistants.

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The second Congress took place December 5-12, 1943. It had for its theme "Light For the World's Darkness," being derived from II Peter 1:19, from which the theme of the first Congress, "The Sure Word of Prophecy" was obtained. That verse reads:

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

A great company of believers came from all parts of the United States and Canada. Travel conditions kept many who found it impossible to get train reservations, away. Nevertheless, enough people came to give excellent audiences for every session, although these were continuous from 10 o'clock in the morning until night, with time taken out only for meals. Deeply devotional sessions of prayer filled an important place in the program.

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worlds clarified; they were inspired with hope and happy anticipation of things prepared of God for those who love him.

The second Congress was undertaken because of some gaps in the total of prophecy taught in the first. The program, therefore, was devoted to supplying this lack. Themes were selected with this in mind as will be made clear from reading the following survey of the lectures delivered.

"Watchman, What of the Night?"

The Congress opened with an exposition by Rev. William Ward Ayer, D. D. It was Sunday morning and the great auditorium of the Calvary Church was filled to the full. The theme of the morning was "Watchman, What of the Night?" The discourse was based on the prophecy recorded in Isaiah 21:11-12. With prophetic insight, Dr. Ayer likened the world of men and nations, particularly in their present-day universal confusion, to that which is described in the Scriptures as "night." The blackness of Christ-rejection has settled over the race of men. The only light the world sees now is reflected light:

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Before a large afternoon assembly, Dr. J. Hoffman Cohn spoke on "Disputed Passage." in which he drew attention to the impediments that have constantly been raised in the pathway of Israel along its march down history. The lessons drawn in this deliverance were evangelistic, for it was shown how as Israel was given a highway called "the way of holiness," so the speaker showed that in the shed blood of Jesus Christ "every child of God has the sure promise that for each one of us God will make a highway."

The evening of the first day was an unforgettable triumph of Christian testimony as Rev. W. H. Rogers, D. D., spoke on "The Second Coming of Christ, Personal and Premillennial."

The second day was devoted to addresses by Dr. W. H. Rogers, Dr. J. Hoffman Cohn, Dr. Samuel M. Zweimer, Rev. H. B. Centz, Rev. Dan S. Bedford, and Dr. John W. Bradbury. Although it was Monday and a rainy Monday at that, there was no lack of people for the sessions.

The theme of Dr. Zweimer's message was one that gave a strong answer to those who say that faith in the premillennial coming of our Lord is an excuse for the evasion of the missionary enterprise. He spoke on "Our Lord's Return, an Incentive to World-Wide Evangelism." In the course of his address, he said evangelism that preaches Christ's resurrection and his return, goes far beyond social reformation or new world plans or political blueprints. We can no longer go to the East to share the social and cultural benefits of the West, for the whole of so-called Christian culture stands at a period of terrible crisis, every section of it under God's judgment. We are compelled by the present situation "to look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness . . . the return of Christ is the living hope for a despairing world."

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tor of the Brighton Community Church, Rochester, New York, discussed "Anti-Semitism, Its Origin, Development and Final Doom." That the background of anti-Semitism is satanic is evident from God's Word.

The teaching of the day culminated in an exposition by Dr. John W. Bradbury of New York City, who gave a survey of the teachings of the Epistle to the Hebrews. He set forth that the Hebrew economy, patterns of worship, ordinances, and outstanding heroes of the faith, were prophetic forerunners of Christianity and that our Lord Jesus Christ is the focused objective of all Old Testament teaching.

The King and His Kingdom

The state of the Jews in the millennium was described by Dr. W. H. Rogers on the morning of the third day of the Congress. He gathered up the prophetic teachings of the Bible in relation to this subject, concerning which there is a great deal written.

The Jews are to be restored to their land under the Messiahship of Jesus Christ our Lord, when Jerusalem shall be the law center of a righteous world, in which peace and happiness will be the lot of the people.

This was good preparation for an address that followed in the afternoon by Dr. I. L. Yearby, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on "The Messiah's Kingly Glory." Our Lord was set forth in his threefold office as Prophet, Priest and King. The outline of the message will show that emphasis was placed on the last of these three: "(1) The glory of the Person of the King; (2) The glory of the power of the King; (3) The glory of the province of the King; (4) The glory of the performance of the King."

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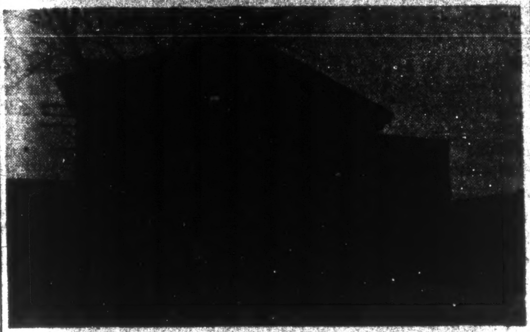

Highland Park Baptist Church, Highland Park, Mich.

The beginning of Baptist history in Highland Park, Michigan, is traceable to a day in the Spring of 1909. It was not, however, until the Fall of 1910 that definite work was begun. At a meeting in October of that year, it was decided to organize a Sunday School. On January 13, 1911, there was organized the Baptist Society of Highland Park with twenty members by the adoption of a comprehensive Constitution.

On January 22, 1913, the Highland Park Baptist Society gave way to the Highland Park Baptist Church which organized with about fifty members. Rev. C. E. Conley acted as pastor from August 1, 1913, until the end of May, 1914, when the present pastor, Dr. William G. Coltman assumed the pastorate, the membership at that time being 73. The services were held in a hall on the second floor of a business block. Within six months the work had grown until it was necessary to secure a local theatre to take care of the congregation. Another six months found a new church edifice seating 600 people nearing completion. From that time on the work has been marked by a steady and substantial growth.

During the present pastorate which has extended over twenty-eight years some 20 young men have entered the ministry and 12 have gone out into missionary fields. The church is supporting 20 missionaries besides many other missionary and educational causes.

Five years ago a vital step forward in Christian education was taken by the church when a Christian Workers' Institute was begun with an enrollment of over 400. This Institute convenes each week from November to April each year.

A Board of Evangelism is carrying on work in all parts of the city such as Open Air Work with Gospel Truck, Hospital Visitation, Jail Work, Foreign and English Sunday School assistance, Tract Distribution, Rescue Mission work and Evangelistic activity. The church membership stands at about 1600.

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"Roving Reporter" . . . . .

Dr. and Mrs. Harold John Ockenga were visited by the stork on December 6. The delightful bundle proved to be a girl,—their second. Name: Aldryth Sandrah. Congratulations to our president and his charming wife.

As of December 31, 1943, the membership of N.A.E. stood as follows:

15 denominations, with a total membership of 510,845 (none of these are connected in any way with the Federal Council).

247 single churches with a total membership of 56,423.

37 organizations other than churches and denominations with a total membership of 168,815.

(No computation of membership of educational institutions and mission boards is included as this membership is nebulous).

Mr. Jack Wyrtzen of the Word of Life Program (New York) and **Mr. F. Carlton Booth** of Providence Bible Institute have arranged a trip to South America next summer. They will visit several mission fields and will gather information regarding the possibility of extending gospel broadcasting in foreign lands. Their itinerary includes Quito, Ecuador, where they will bring a series of broadcasts over HCJB, the gospel broadcasting station which is blanketing South America.

Mr. Clyde H. Dennis whose vision of new technique in tract publication resulted in the organization of the Good News Publishing Company, has established a remarkable record. During the twelve months ending October 31, 1943, his company printed and distributed 34,298,928 tracts and booklets. $20,692.71 worth of tracts and scripture stationery were sent free of charge to chaplains and service men. Mr. Dennis will lead the discussion on tract evangelism at the National Convention in Columbus.

The Sudan Interior Mission is engaged in raising a Jubilee Memorial Fund in honor of its late statesman-director, Dr. Roland V. Bingham. It was recently decided by the Council that all amounts received from now on should be used to purchase a much needed missionary home in New York City. It was stated that "such a home would require the investment of $100,000." The present New York headquarters is entirely inadequate to care for the needs of the expanding work.

There is considerable anxiety on the part of our government as well as mission boards over South America. The State Department urges that great care be exercised in discussing matters which may lead to serious misunderstanding and make mission work more difficult. The sending of young men of draft age and no previous missionary experience is discouraged. Missionaries are advised to use great care to keep out of all political discussions and alignments.

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The hope of the night is the promise of the morning. There will be morning for God's true Church when Christ comes as the "Morning Star," appearing

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Some new speakers were introduced on the fourth day. Dr. Lindsey E. McMair of Orlando, Florida, discussed "The Times of the Gentiles," describing the period covered by this term, the distinctive characteristics of that period, and the relation of Israel and the Church to it. Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, president of the Dallas Theological Seminary, Texas, began a series of two addresses on "The Olivet Discourse." This refers to the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth chapters of Matthew. In an address by Dr. John W. Bradbury on "Prelude to World Peace," he defined the Biblical reasons for war and showed that the teachings of the Bible indicate that the acceptance of the Lord Jesus as governing Head over the nations is the prerequisite of peace. Rev. A. B. Machlin, of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, explained how Jews can be saved now. This was a helpful and encouraging message for those interested in the evangelization of the Jews, as all Christians ought to be. Dr. Harry J. Hager, pastor of the Bethany Reformed Church, Chicago, Illinois, realistically brought to the attention of the audience the proposals of postwar planners in a discussion of "Armageddon in the Making," showing that what the best man can do will not be good enough, nor will it prevent the catastrophic climax of history.

As a fitting culmination to this day, Dr. Chafer gave a critically clear survey of three schools of thought, postmillennialism, amillennialism, premillennialism.

On the morning of the fifth day, Dr. John F. Walvoord, of Dallas, Texas, discussed the subject "Judgment and Reward to Christians, to Gentiles and to Jews."

Jews in the Postwar World

If there is one factor that has figured more prominently than anything else in the strange whirlpool of world events during the past three decades, it is unquestionably the Jew. Therefore, the address delivered by Dr. Albert J. Lindsey, Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan, on "What the Church Will Have to Do for the Jews in the Postwar World," was timely and important. After surveying what the Church has and has not done, the speaker declared that there must be a helping hand extended to secure a homeland for the Jews, there must be a proper educational approach, and there must be a persistent program of evangelization.

Continuing this field of thought, Dr. C. Gordon Brownville, of Tremont Temple, Boston, discussed "The Jewish Title to Palestine and Asia Minor," expounding Ezekiel 20:33-35.

The day was climaxed with an address by Mr. Howard W. Ferrin, president of the Providence Bible Institute, on "The Eschatology Taught by Christ." Of this broad theme, the speaker confined himself to that part which concerned what Jesus said about his own return. The speaker showed what a vast amount of material is to be found in the words of Jesus concerning his own second coming.

The Millennium

Mr. Ferrin was the first speaker on the sixth day when he developed the theme, "Why Men Cannot Bring in the Millennium." There is a tragic disillusionment in human history. The best of man's efforts only end in a human impasse. No matter how much we abhor wars, they still continue to come.

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1. Its successful efforts to protect the liberties of gospel broadcasting.

2. Its institution and maintenance of a national newspaper devoted exclusively to the interests of world evangelism.

3. Its establishment of an office in Washington which is recognized by the government as an accredited clearing house for the chaplaincy applications of its constituents, as an agency for procuring passports, visas and military permits for missionaries; as a center of information for many mission boards and as a listening post at the seat of government for all concerned.

5. Its survey (now well on the way to completion) of religious broadcasts throughout the United States, in the course of which it has been in contact with every individual station in this country and with more than two thousand broadcasters.

6. Its organization of about two score regional committees and many local committees in every section of the country. Many of these committees are actively engaged in sponsoring evangelistic and Bible conferences, youth and child evangelism, service clubs, street services and a variety of other projects.

7. Its inauguration of several surveys in addition to that of radio broadcasting about which more news will be available in the near future.

Much more might be said but this is enough to inform our readers of the definite things which are already being accomplished. We can scarcely resist the temptation to provide a hint of several other things of national importance which are due to "break" in the near future, but we must not be premature in these announcements.

If we may be allowed to prophesy, we will venture to say that the coming national convention at Columbus will far exceed in attendance and interest the great meeting of last spring in Chicago, and that our membership will pass the two million mark by the end of the year.

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"It is apparent that Mutual has not made a fir decision on the discontinuance of its paid religio broadcasts. The statement of the National Assoc tion of Evangelicals was therefore misleading and correct. Surely the time is at hand for God's peop to pray about this matter, for it is apparent that the things are being considered, but no definite decisi has yet been made by Mutual." (Jan. 13, 194 p. 4.)

And here is the Beacon's "proof" of our "m leading and incorrect statements" — the letter fro Mutual's president:

MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC
New York Office, 1440 Broadway
Office of the President December 29, 19
"Mr. Carl McIntire, Pres.
The American Council of Christian Churches
340 W. 55th St., New York, N. Y.
Dear Mr. McIntire:

"This is in response to your letter of Dece ber 22 regarding various commercial religious pr grams presently carried on the Mutual Broadcasti System.

"I am glad to have your comments regardi certain of these programs, and you may be sure th this letter will be borne in mind in connection wi Mutual's future policy with respect to programs this character.

"With kindest regards, I am
"Sincerely yours,
Signed, "Miller McClintock"

THE FACTS: The letter, of course, makes statement of the policy of the company and prov nothing. N. A. E. did not publish the fact that Mu tual had decided to change its policy regarding pa religious broadcasting without first getting the fac from the office of Mutual in New York. We w stand by our published statement.

This is a sample of what we have been u against for the past two years. We need grace an wisdom to meet such tactics in a manner which w not be displeasing to the Lord. We are confide that truth will win over untruth in the end. Pr that God shall enable us to maintain a high ethic standard in our contest with modernism.

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Joe Stalin is running true to form. He is letting the United Nations know, in unmistakable terms, that he proposes to manage Eastern Europe to suit himself. We had all better smile meekly and let him do it; he will anyway. Bye and bye he will decide to run all of Europe and then the world. Let's hope for at least a decade of peace before he is ready. When it comes, the present conflict will resemble a Methodist love feast in comparison.

Dr. W. MacK. McIntosh was recently called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Fort Collins, Colorado. He was N.A.E.'s first regional chairman in the Spokane area. Best wishes to him in his new field. The Fort Collins church is a member of our movement.

Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago experienced a real "shower" of blessing at its quarterly prayer day on January 14. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Peter Joshua of Aurora, Illinois. Scheduled to run from 8 to 12, the session did not adjourn until 1:15 as students made their hearts ready for a part in the expected world revival.

Dr. George B. Huebert, moderator of the Mennonite Brethren Church and pastor of a great church in Rudley, California, was scheduled to retire from the pastorate on January 1. His congregation refused to allow him to sever his connection at this time. Dr. Huebert has not been in good health for some time and needs our prayers as he continues his duties. He is a valued member of the Board of Administration of N.A.E.

Our deepest sympathy to **Mrs. Harris Gregg** of Chattanooga. Her distinguished husband went to be with the Lord on December 11. Added sorrow came on January 10 when she received word of the death of her daughter, Mary Elsie, in an automobile accident, as she was on her way from Texas to visit Mrs. Gregg. Even in this crushing trial the Lord is wonderfully sustaining the bereaved mother and wife.

Dr. Walt Holcomb of Atlanta, for many years engaged in pastoral and evangelistic work in the South, has been given a year's leave of absence from his church in Atlanta to engage in special meetings. During the winter he will conduct services in various churches in Richmond, Virginia. Bishop Arthur J. Moore says of him, "Dr. Holcomb has had an extraordinary career and his ministry has taken him to the ends of the earth. Long known throughout the South as an evangelist of first rank he has also made missionary journeys to the Far East and was drafted some years ago for special services following the World War in European countries. Wherever he has gone his voice has been that of the prophet of the Lord and the people have heard him gladly."

His first series will be in the Byrd Park Methodist Church of Richmond, February 6 - 20.

Light For The World's Darkness

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"That war will be banished from the earth through the efforts of men, we most emphatically deny, for war cannot be rid from the earth as long as the underlying cause is denied or ignored . . . War is cancer of the heart; and the world's greatest psychologists, while rejecting the Gospel, affirm that 'nothing is gained by disguising the fact that there is no remedy for the bad heart.'"

The speaker then went on to explain how the Bible prophesies the coming of peace.

A new subject in prophecy was introduced by Dr. Walvoord who discussed "The Way of the Kings of the East," in which he showed the important place that the Orient will have in future history. He said:

"Today as never before, the continent of Asia stands ready to perform its part in the great events of the tribulation period. The stage is being set; the actors are present: the curtain may rise any moment. A study of the Asiatic world of today can only remind us that the coming of Christ for His Church may be very near."

"The State of the Apostate Church in the Tribulation Era of the World" was the topic of an address by Dr. McMair in which he said:

"We are familiar with the errors of modernism and we know how seductive has been the teaching which has destroyed the little faith of some professing Christians . . . I lift up my voice against modernism as we know it, because it is false and thoroughly disloyal to our Lord, and because it destroys the unity of the Church."

The Congress then heard Dr. R. S. Beal, of Tucson, Arizona, on the subject of "The Tribulation — an Age." He told his audience that by virtue of duration we may regard the tribulation as a specific period not to be reckoned as the closing part of the grace age. "The duration of the age is a period of seven years. Since chronologists so clearly define its beginning and its end, we believe the tribulation to be a dispensation of itself." There followed an address by Dr. R. L. Powell, of Tacoma, Washington, on "The Glory of God in the Face of Jesus Christ." An envisioning unfolding of our Saviour. The sixth day concluded with an address by Dr. Bebert W. Beiber, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, who took for this theme "Revealing Characteristics of an Expiring Civilization," wherein the Congress was treated to a survey of the inherent evils in modern world life. [illegible]

Ashe, Sellevaag Organize Bridgeport Ministers For N.A.E.

At the call of Rev. Melville G. Hatcher, Chairman of the Pastors' Prayer Fellowship, a meeting of the Evangelical pastors and laymen for the organization of a Connecticut State Committee to work with the National Association of Evangelicals was held at the Baptist Temple in Bridgeport Jan. 12, 1944. The following ministers from Bridgeport were present — Rev. Melville G. Hatcher, Rev. Clarence E. Chamberlain, Rev. William Phelps, Rev. Paul Kemnitz, Rev. Julius Tellvik, Rev. Sten Lindberg, Rev. Eric Linder, Rev. Percy Batchelor, Rev. Richard G. Simpson, Rev. Ernest A. Tippett, Rev. Gustave Johnson, and Mr. Ernest D. Fitch; also Dr. Linden Carter of East Norwalk. The foregoing met with Mr. Carl F. Ashe, Assistant Field Secretary of the N. A. E., and Rev. Ivar Sellevaag of Portsmouth, N. H., representing the New England Committee.

After a period of devotions led by Rev. Sten Lindberg, Mr. Ashe and Mr. Sellevaag spoke on the item for which the meeting was called. After their interesting and illuminating remarks it was voted that inasmuch as the Pastors' Prayer Fellowship as a group had not taken action with respect to the N. A. E. that they cast their lot, thereby coöperating with the N. A. E.

Membership cards were then distributed to the men in attendance. The approximate membership of the Pastors' Prayer Fellowship is 17. Of this number, 11 were present. It was suggested by Mr. Sellevaag that we proceed to set up a State organization thereby complying with the request of Dr. James Rider of Boston, who is Chairman of the New England District of the N.A.E.; but in view of the fact that there was practically no representation from other parts of the state it was moved to secure the coöperation of other Evangelicals in the state and to set up a State Convention to be held February 21, 1944, in New Haven, at the Evangelical Church, on Elm and Pratt streets, with Rev. E. S. Eielsen as host, at which time [illegible]

Moody Church Burns Mortgage Notes At New Year's Eve Watch Night Service

One of the principal events of this New Year's Eve Watch Night Service of the Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, was the burning of the last note of indebtedness on the Moody Church building.

Dr. P. W. Philpott, the former pastor, under whose ministry the present Memorial Church and Sunday School building was started and dedicated, was requested to cremate the last debit indenture.

Special speakers, as well as very unique items of varied character, were greatly appreciated from 10:30 to midnight. As the New Year dawned all present were in the attitude of prayer, with vows of consecration to the service of the Lord.

Noteworthy visitors who were heard during the evening included Dr. P. W. Philpott; Evangelist Gipsy Smith; Dr. Will H. Houghton; Dr. Homer Hammontree and the Rev. J. Stratton Shufelt, the former music director.

Dr. H. A. Ironside presided, assisted by Dr. C. A. Porter, Rev. John Ironside and Rev. H. Herring. Mr. Gilbert Peterson had charge of the music program, assisted by the church choir and Dr. Samuel Burkholder at the organ. Kim and Nyland, gospel singers, were also heard in the musical program.

A hymn of Thanksgiving, prepared by Avis Christiansen for the occasion, was sung to the tune of "Doxology." We reprint it from the "Moody Church News" in order that our readers may enjoy it.

"For this, Thine House, we
 thank Thee, Lord—
This building, hallowed by thy
 Word,
Now from the yoke of debt
 set free,
Where we may praise and worship Thee.

"We thank Thee for Thy
 boundless grace
So manifested in this place:
For souls redeemed from sin
 and shame,
To glorify Thy holy Name.

"We thank Thee for the Saints
 of God
Who in this sacred spot have
 stood,
Proclaiming o'er and o'er
 again
Thy saving love toward sinful
 men.

"Anew we dedicate to Thee
This, Thine own House, from
 debt now free!
As Thou has blest in days gone
 by,
Wilt Thou Thy mercies multiply."

The photograph which accompanies this article was taken during the burning of the last Trustee's note of indebtedness. Surely thousands of Christians throughout the world will rejoice with this great church in their victory.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Let us turn the first word of this expression around and, looking through it as through a great telescope, with the eyes of faith, shout; "Henceforth" will the Lord help us to climb to higher heights and go to greater lengths in the worship and service of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Ironside, Dr. Porter, Rev. Herring and Dr. Philpott are shown burning last of mortgage notes.

Chattanooga Organizing For N.A.E.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., January 11. A meeting of the pastors of Chatanooga and vicinity was held today at the Central Baptist Church to learn from Dr. John W. Bradbury and Dr. J. Elwin Wright about the purpose and program of the National Association of Evangelicals. More than forty ministers as well as a large number of laymen were in attendance. Dr. Russell Bradley Jones was elected chairman of a continuing committee. A meeting is to be held soon to elect permanent officers for this region.

Seek to Legalize Free Transportation for Parochial School Children

FRANKFORT, Ky. (RNS) — Roman Catholic educators in this state have revealed that they are working on a method of legalizing transportation of [illegible]

Seek Volunteers For Children's Work

PHILADELPHIA (RNS)— An appeal for volunteers for children's-aid work has been issued here by the Children's Division of the American Baptist Publication Society.

"These boys and girls of [illegible]

Members Contributed $10,000,000 in 1943 to Church of the Nazarene

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (RNS) — The 186,519 members of the Church of the Nazarene contributed a grand total of $10,077,353 to the church during 1943, it was announced here to the General Board by C. Warren Jones, secretary. This is $54.03 per capita, believed to be one of the highest records for denominations of more than 100,000 members.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been named convention city by the commission on convention, and the eleventh quadrennial assembly of the denomination will meet in the municipal auditorium there next June 15-27. The Conference will be preceded by three-day conventions to be held simultaneously in the interests of the National Woman's Missionary Society and the National Youth organization.

Despite war difficulties, arrangements have been made to send out 30 missionaries to South America, Africa and India, early in 1944.

Dr. R. T. Williams, board chairman, announced for the Committee on Education that the indebtedness on properties held by seven Nazarene Colleges will be virtually wiped out by the opening of the eleventh quadrennial convention in June.

The Stewardship Committee outlined a plan for two million contacts to be made for the church next October, exceeding by half a million the number made in last October's campaign.

The $689,914 General Budget goal, including the support of 100 mission stations around the world, has been increased for 1944 by $200,000, it was announced.

Scores of Columbus churches are cooperating with the N.A.E. convention in the great mass meetings on the afternoon and evening of April 12.

5 Missionaries Give Their Lives

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ing through countless valleys, it is not thought likely that they were lost because their equipment included [illegible] ... seeking food for themselves.

Clyde Collins, director of the Robore Mission Compound, in a letter dated December 20, told of increasing crowds and converts accruing to the meetings conducted in Spanish in local villages, and gave the last detailed report of the missing men:

"Wally and I left the fellows to return to Robore while they pushed on through the bush toward Corazon," he wrote. "They had food for two weeks, and they expected to be out within that time if they didn't contact savages. They told us to search for them if they didn't return in a month. At the end of that month Wally and I started out again with a few supplies to trail them, but we found that the task was a hopeless one for us since the fellows had been so sure of making their destination that they pushed through the brush and jungle growth leaving very little trail—that trail now almost obscured by new jungle growth since we're now in the rainy season. We trailed them about three kilometers into the mountains and lost the trail. We had been told before we left that it was foolish for us to go like we did, for it was a job of possibly several weeks for six to eight men. However, [illegible] ... jungle by air as far as Corazon without finding a trace. He's been concerned, too, of course. The news has spread, and we are hearing rumors that have no foundation such as that two fellows (I suppose Wally and I) trailed the fellows and found that the savages were trailing the boys."

India Over Four Millions

LONDON (by cable) (RNS) — There are now 4,055,151 Roman Catholics in India, according to Father J. [illegible] statistician, who says that Catholics in India have increased 33 percent in the past 10 years as against a general population increase of only 15 per cent.

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (RNS) — Plans to establish a theological school for the training of native Africans of the Methodist denomination and the formation of an African Missionary Society have been completed here by the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The projects will be headed by Bishop John M. Springer, Negro Methodist leader in central Africa.

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ton, on "The Glory of God in the Face of Jesus Christ." An envisioning unfolding of our Saviour. The sixth day concluded with an address by Dr. Bebert W. Beiber, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, who took for this theme "Revealing Characteristics of an Expiring Civilization," wherein the Congress was treated to a survey of the inherent evils in modern world life. Their culmination is to be their own judgment and doom.

Space forbids a detailed account of the services the last two days. These were a triumphant climax to a great meeting with capacity audiences.

Dr. Bob Shuler of Los Angeles will lead the discussion on mass evangelism at the Columbus convention.

[illegible] Chairman of the New England District of the N.A.E.; but in view of the fact that there was practically no representation from other parts of the state it was [illegible] cure the cooperation of other Evangelicals in the state and to set up a State Convention to be held February 21, 1944, in New Haven, at the Evangelical Church, on Elm and Pratt streets, with Rev. E. S. Eielsen as host, at which time Dr. James Rider, Chairman of the New England District of the N. A. E. will be the speaker. At this meeting there will be a business session at which time officers will be elected, also delegates to the New England Convention to be held on March 13, and delegates to the National Convention to be held on April 12 to 17 in Columbus, Ohio.

[illegible] conducted by Dr. C. A. Porter, Rev. John Ironside and Rev. [illegible]

"We thank Thee for the Saints of God"

[illegible] tendance. Dr. Russell Bradley Jones was elected chairman of a continuing committee. A meeting is to be held soon to elect permanent officers for this region.

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Seek to Legalize Free Transportation for Parochial School Children

FRANKFORT, Ky. (RNS) — Roman Catholic educators in this state have revealed that they are working on a method of legalizing transportation of children to parochial schools as a safety measure.

Last year the Court of Appeals held unconstitutional a measure authorizing transportation of school children in publicly owned school buses. The Court held that such an act would run counter to the state constitution forbidding the expenditure of public funds to aid sectarian schools.

The new method being discussed would require transportation in vehicles operated by some public agency other than the schools.

The original measure attracted widespread attention and, in the main, was opposed by Protestant groups and supported by adherents of the Catholic Church.

The proposal was also thrown into the limelight when Leo T. Wolford, Louisville attorney and prominent Baptist layman, urged that the act be upheld in the interest of public safety and as an act of "Christian charity."

Seek Volunteers For Children's Work

PHILADELPHIA (RNS) — An appeal for volunteers for children's-aid work has been issued here by the Children's Division of the American Baptist Publication Society.

"These boys and girls of ours," the appeal states, "constitute a national emergency, which is on the road to becoming a catastrophe. What shall it profit America to win a military victory if the children are unreached for God?"

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Evangelists Convene At Indiana Capitol For National Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (RNS) — Ministers, singers, musicians, and laymen from all parts of the country met here for the national convention of Evangelists and Christian Workers.

Principal speaker was Governor Henry F. Schricker of Indiana, who declared that "our government could not exist were it not for the spiritual values that guide our people to obey the laws."

"Not a tin cup, but a career" was the theme of an address by "America's No. One Blind Man," Dr. Walter D. Kallenbach. The sightless evangelist, who plays a good game of golf, raises roses, performs on the trumpet, writes and lectures, is directing a program for the rehabilitation of the war blind. As chairman of the Advisory Board for the National Association for the Blind, he is formulating plans to aid blind service men to make adjustments to the changed conditions of their lives and to be courageous and cheerful.

The prediction that all of Russia will be open to Christian education and every kind of religious activity after the war, was made by the Rev. Peter Deyneka, head of the Russian Evangelistic Association.

Bishop Titus Lowe of the Indianapolis Methodist area, told the convention that "the country needs evangelism more today that at any time in the last 400 years."

A colorful feature of the meeting was a dramatic program called "The League of Many Nations," presented by students of the Practical Bible Training School, Binghampton, N. Y. There were songs and sketches by the students in the native costumes and languages of the countries portrayed.

The Eureka Jubilee Singers, a Negro chorus from Chicago, sang at every service and brought the convention to a close with a grand concert attended by the public as well as the convention delegates.

Dr. Clifford Lewis of Cleveland, Tennessee will report on youth evangelism at the Columbus convention.

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It is a great testimony to the vitality of Christian interest in the subject of Biblical prophecy that a second New York Congress on Prophecy could be held in wartime. The first Congress assembled in the Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, Nov. 1-8, 1942, and was a remarkable achievement. This year again, Bible loving Christians gathered from all parts of the United States to hear a great number of teachers, specially versed in prophetic truth. Like the first, the second Congress called for Christians to come together from all parts of the United States to the Calvary Church, New York, which generously offered its facilities through its pastor, Rev. William Ward Ayer, D. D. Both Congresses were held under the auspices [illegible]

By John W. Bradbury,
Editor "Watchman Examiner"

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GUEST REVIEWER

United Evangelical Action is privileged to present to its readers Mr. F. Carlton Booth of Providence Bible Institute, as the guest reviewer this month.

Mr. Booth is well known throughout the entire Eastern seaboard, as assisting in such programs as the Word of Life Hour in New York, Young People's Program over WMEX from Tremont Temple in Boston, and in many other programs.

He Reviews This Month

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Russian Baptists To Observe World Alliance Sunday

By Religious News Service

London (By Wireless) — Dr. James H. Rushbrooke, president of the World Baptist Alliance, has received word from Moscow that Russian Baptists and other evangelical Christians will join in the observance of Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 6.

"Accept our hearty wishes for new blessings and progress in 1944," the message to Dr. Rushbrooke from Russian Baptists stated. "May the New Year be one of victory for the United Nations."

Baptist World Alliance Sunday is observed by members of the denomination throughout the world.

Missionaries Say Chinese Christians Hold No Hatred For Japanese People

By Religious News Service

New York — Chinese Christians do not hate the Japanese people, according to a group of Baptist missionaries recently returned to this country on the Swedish liner Gripsholm.

The missionaries addressed a public meeting here at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church under the auspices of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Women's Foreign Mission Society.

Dr. Harold Thomas, of Ningpo, China, x-ray specialist and an intimate counsellor of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, warned against allowing hatred of enemy peoples to prevent the establishment of a "real peace."

"We should learn a lesson from the Chinese," he said.

Miss Thomasine Allen, a missionary in Kuji, Japan, declared that many Japanese turned to the Christian Church after learning of the bravery and loyalty shown by interned missionaries.

Other speakers were Dr. William Axling, Tokyo, and Josephine C. Lawney, M.D., Shanghai.

New England District Plans Important Meetings

An N. A. E. conference for the Southern section of Maine will be held in Portland on February 21. The morning sessions and luncheon will be held at the Presbyterian Church in South Portland. In the evening there will be a mass meeting open to all at the First Baptist Church. Among the speakers will be the Rev. Ivar Sellevaag, pastor of the Court Street Christian Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, who is treasurer of the New England committee; Rev. Buell W. Maxfield, pastor of the Baptist Church of Dover, New Hampshire, and Rev. J. A. Parkander, pastor of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. Parkander is president of the N.A.E. state committee for Rhode Island.

On February 25 there will be a meeting for Southern Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut at the Carew Baptist Church in Springfield, Mass. Rev. Eric Lindholm and other speakers will be heard. Rev. Leslie MacInnis is pastor of the host church.

On February 28 the New Hampshire state committee will sponsor a meeting at the Christian Church in Laconia, New Hampshire. The principal speakers will be Mr. Howard W. Ferrin, president of Providence Bible Institute and member of the Board of Administration of N. A. E., and the Rev. Ivar Sellevaag.

A state wide meeting for Massachusetts will be held at the Park Street Congregational Church on March 13, with Dr. James T. Rider presiding. The speakers will be announced later.

The work of the New England district of the National Associaton is forging ahead with continuously expanding interest. It is expected that many delegates will attend the National Convention in Columbus April 12 to 17.

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Lutherans Open Hostel For Jap-Americans

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS) — The United Lutheran Church in America has opened a hostel here for Japanese-Americans, calling it "an outgrowth of our Christian fellowship with the brethren of our Faith in our Japan Church." It is the first hostel operated by the Lutheran Church.

Quartered in a 12-room residence, the hostel will serve as a temporary stopping place for Nisei released from relocation centers while they find jobs and homes in the Northwest.

The establishment was set up by the Board of American Missions of the church, aided by the Women's Missionary Society. Its officials will work closely with the War Relocation Authority and with the resettlement committees of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The Rev. R. H. Gerberding, Minneapolis, president of the Northwest Synod of ULCA, described the hostel as "the first definite expression our church has made of Christian kindness towards Americans of Japanese blood.

"It is also a measure of loyal co-operation with a government agency created to ameliorate a great injustice done a vast number of loyal American citizens.

"It should be borne in mind that there is no suspicion attached to any of the Nisei in the nine relocation centers where most of these people now are. All who are even suspected of disloyalty are in the Tule Lake camp, of recent notoriety. That is the only 'bad' one."

The hostel is the sixth of its kind in the nation. Similar ones are now in operation in Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Des Moines.

Southern Baptists Schedule 1944 Convention

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (RNS) — The Southern Baptist Convention will hold its 1944 meeting in Atlanta Ga., May 16-18, it was announced here by the denomination's executive committee.

Between 4,000 and 6,000 delegates from 20 states comprising the Southern Convention will attend the annual session, Dr. James W. Merritt, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, said.

The 1943 meeting, which was scheduled for Memphis, Tenn., was called off because of travel restrictions and a session of the executive committee was held in Nashville instead.

San Diego Churches Clear Up Debts

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (RNS) During the year just closed, 24 San Diego churches have cleared their properties of mortgages and a half dozen others expect to be debt free by midyear. Some of these obligations were contracted a quarter century or more ago.

"Now is the time, if ever, that churches should get rid of their debts," Dr. Leland Cook, president of the San Diego County Ministerial Association, commented. "A debt-free church grows more rapidly than one encumbered, and it can undertake religious programs with assurances of success."

Nearly half of the churches which paid off their mortgages have begun accumulating funds for new buildings which will be started as soon as materials and labor are available. Some of these building projects will consist of additions to present edifices; others will call for modern church structures, new from basement to roof.

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Dr. Henry points out the fact that many of the Biblical characters properly belong in the roster of religious journalists. The second chapter deals with the history of religious journalism in the United States. The later chapters emphasize the importance of the press and radio to the church and a systematic development of the technique of their best use.

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The series has been divided into five circuits. A different team of speakers will tour each circuit.

State and city promotional directors of the denomination will be responsible for furthering meetings in their areas.

Ministerial Association Designates Hours for Peace Celebration

HOUSTON, Tex. (RNS)— The Methodist Ministerial Association of the Houston district has set definite hours for the celebration of peace — when it comes.

From 7 to 9 o'clock "on the evening following the armistice," members of the 37 Methodist churches of the district have agreed to a joint thanksgiving and intercession service.

Announcing the association's plans, the Rev. Fred E. Lewis, president, expressed hope that other churches in this area will join in the celebration service, believed to be the first planned by a church group in the state.

British Churches To Hold Services for Ethiopia

LONDON (by wireless) (RNS) — British churches are being asked to give special recognition on Sunday, March 19, to the cause of Ethiopia and to the Princess Tsahai Memorial Hospital on the outskirts of Addis Ababba, now in the course of construction. The hospital is named after Emperor Haile Selassie's daughter who, before her death, underwent training as a nurse in England during the exile of the Ethiopian royal family.

The church appeal is supported by the Bishop of London and other Anglican leaders as well as by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland General Assembly. A special service on behalf of Ethiopia is also being planned in Westminster Abbey on March 16.

Commissioner Pugmire Named Salvation Army National Commander

NEW YORK (RNS) — Commissioner Ernest I. Pugmire has been named National Commander of the Salvation Army, succeeding Commissioner Edward J. Parker, retired.

An official in the Salvation Army for the past 37 years, Commissioner Pugmire served in Canada, China and Japan. In addition to the post of National Commander and president of the Salvation Army's legal corporations, he will retain his present position as Eastern Territorial Commander.

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17	Adoption of revisions to the constitution, reports, election of officers, selection of city for convention of 1945. Banquet in the evening.

For preliminary folders containing additional information, address: National Association of Evangelicals
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SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, BIBLE SEMINARIES

Scholarship A Prerequisite

By ELIZABETH M. EVANS

Director, Department of Christian Education of the New England Fellowship. Miss Evans received her A.B. degree from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois and her M.M. from Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

There never was a time when conservative Christian statesmen were so needed as today. In all branches of science, in education, in the ministry, men of vision, of faith, and of outstanding scholarly attainments are vital to the advance the hour demands. The Word of God is being attacked by many who have attained prominence in scientific and educational fields. Men and women eminently qualified within these fields are needed not only to withstand these attacks but to lead millions of humble believers out of this morass of skepticism into the clear light of certainty of faith and the attainment of Christian goals. To do this, all of our young people of ability should receive higher education of the finest type. It should be based on Christian principles and high scholastic research.

A challenge comes to young people today to be prepared to compete with the finest scholarship the world can produce and then use that knowledge for the glory of God and the advancement of his cause. Eminent scientists have the ears of thinking people. How wonderful to be able to furnish proof that God's Word coincides with all true scientific discovery, with the findings of geology and archeology, with the perfections of astronomy, and with the deepest needs of the human personality.

Educators, on the whole, have left God out of their scheme of things, and a nation of unbelievers is growing up. Christian teachers in our secular schools would save our nation from chaos even if they were not allowed to teach "religion" in their classrooms. Mathematics, history, language, science taught with the atheistic and evolutionary stamp of much modern education give a warped and untrue philosophy. All of life, science, history, has a different character when presented from a Christ and Bible centered standpoint. It brings education into focus; it clarifies the perspective; it lays a solid foundation in fact. Many thousands of well trained educators are needed immediately in education. Christian young people should answer this challenge.

Religiously, the situation is ripe for unprecedented leadership. In Christian education, notably released time week day schools, liberal teachers are being used in places where the guiding committee would have welcomed conservative directors and teachers but could not find them. This is one of the least crowded fields in all professional circles today. The dearth of religious education leaders is causing hundreds of communities to drop all effort to take advantage of their privilege of providing instruction for boys and girls in week day church schools. This is true even of liberal leadership in such schools. Among conservatives, the lack of directors and teachers is tragic and a cause for real concern. Hundreds of our finest young people should seriously contemplate training for leadership in religious education.

The ministry offers limitless opportunities for advancement. The efficient scholarly pastor with vision is so rare that he will be besieged continually with opportunities for a larger and larger service.

In all of these fields, and in many others, higher education is imperative. There are excellent Christian institutions where it may be obtained, and we believe additional Christian colleges will come into existence as young people increasingly realize the imperative need for scholarly preparation to fulfil their mission.

Portsmouth Church Celebrates 140 Years of Ministry

Baptists Decline to Endorse Religious Teaching in Schools

Worcester Bible School Holds Fifth Anniversary Rally

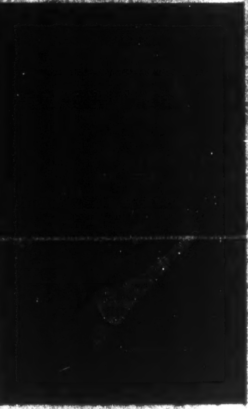
Worcester, Mass., January 18—The Fifth Anniversary Banquet of the Greater Worcester Evening School of the Bible was held Monday evening, December 27, 1948 at the Worcester Y.M.C.A., with a good representation of students who have enrolled in the school for the past four years, present for the occasion. The banquet speaker was Mr. Howard W. Ferrin, President of the Providence Bible Institute.

A meeting of eighteen pastors and Sunday School superintendents preceded the banquet, when preparatory plans were made for the enrollment of 250 students, the goal for the fifth year of the evening school. The school is conducted in cooperation with the Providence Bible Institute. The faculty of the evening school are instructors from the Institute.

The Opening Rally and Registration for the Greater Worcester Evening School was held last night in the Lincoln Square Baptist Church. Rev. John A. Huffman, pastor of the Cornerstone Church of Cambridge, and director of "Wings of the Morning" radio program, was the principal speaker. Special music was furnished by Mr. F. Carlton Booth, soloist and by cornetists and violinists from the Institute.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., January 10. A large group of pastors of Bristol, Johnson City and other communities met at the John Sevier Hotel this morning and listened to addresses by Dr. John W. Bradbury and Dr. Albert Sidney Johnson, who presented information about the National Association of Evangelicals. In the discussion period following the addresses, which was led by Rev. J. Elwin Wright, the Field Secretary of N. A. E., many questions were asked and

Evangelical Leaders



William Nicholl was born in Manchester, England, July 15, 1879. When he was twelve years of age his parents moved to the north of Ireland where he lived until he moved to America in the year of 1902. Coming directly to Chicago, he engaged in the roofing business as a contractor with good success.

While living in Ireland he was converted under the ministry of the Rev. Tweedie Agnew, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Belfast. Before conversion, Mr. Nicholl was profoundly impressed by the minister's Godly passion for the salvation of souls and for the kingdom of God. Supplementing the testimony of the pastor was the consecrated life of a young man who was his Sunday School teacher.

At the time of his conversion—in the same hour, Mr. Nicholl felt the call to the ministry. This call was so pronounced that even though he engaged in business for ten years he could not get away from it.

Upon his arrival in Chicago he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church on Western Avenue. Though the fellowship there was delightful and though his business was growing by leaps and bounds, there was an inner consciousness of disobedience to the will of God. This conviction became so constant that he sold his business and bought a large plantation in old Virginia, thinking that by doing so he would get peace of mind under these new conditions. Still God, in his longsuffering and mercy, kept pleading for his surrender and obedience to the divine plan.

One beautiful spring morning in Virginia as the sun was shining in its glory; the birds were singing their morning songs of praise and all nature seemed to clap her hands in wonder at the goodness of God, Mr. Nicholl stood on a hill alongside his home, overlooking the beautiful Staunton river as the waters flowed peacefully on their appointed way. He felt that he alone was out of harmony with the will of God. The hour of decision had arrived. There and then he said, "Yes, Thy will be done through me." Immediately a voice answered as audible as if some person were speaking, "Do the thing nearest to you." Mr. Nicholl interpreted this to mean, "Put your life wholly into my service in the church and I will direct your paths." When he had done this, one of the officials of the church said, "Mr. Nicholl, I feel you should be in the Christian ministry." This helped to seal the decision already made.

Soon God opened the way. The plantation was sold, and on invitation of his mother and brothers, he moved to Spokane, Washington. The minister of the church in Spokane said, "Mr. Nicholl, you ought to be in the ministry. I will write my college in Salem, Oregon and recommend you."

Mr. Nicholl received his A.B. degree from Wilamette College and his B.D. degree from Kimball College of Theology. In 1922 he entered Boston University for post graduate work in religious education, and received the Master of Arts degree from that institution.

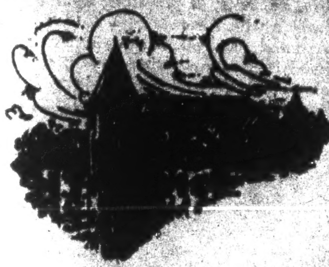
The same year Mr. Nicholl received a call to the First United Presbyterian Church of Quincy, Massachusetts, where he is still pastor. During these years God has wonderfully blessed this church. Two years ago a new Bible School building was erected with fourteen rooms and two assembly halls for the worship services of the youth. This church has one of the largest evening congregations in the city, and maintains a continuous evangelistic program throughout the year.

Mr. Nicholl is a director of the New England Fellowship and chairman of the Pastor's Conference at the Fellowship Conference Ground at Rumney, New Hampshire. He is a director of the Lord's Day League, of the Anti-saloon League in Massachusetts, and of Woodward School for Girls in Quincy. He is chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the Council of Churches in Quincy, and president of the Ministers' Association. In addition to these positions, he is serving on committees for training young men in his Presbytery, and recently he was elected chairman of the group in the National Association of Evangelicals for the Eastern section of Massachusetts. He also is a member of the Board of Administration of the N. A. E.

Mr. Alfred Kuns of the Pocket Testament League will speak on Evangelism in the Camps at Columbus. He will present moving pictures of the work.

Catholic Population in India Over Four Million

LONDON (by cable) (RNS) — There are now 4,055,151 Roman Catholics in India, according to Father J. C. Hooper, S. J., Jesuit statistician, who says that Catholics in India have increased 33 percent in the past 10 years as against a general population increase of only 15 per cent.



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Court Street Christian Church was one of the first churches in the Christian denomination and remained loyal to this fellowship during the entire period of its existence. Since the merger of its denomination with the Congregationalists the church has remained independent and has continued along the lines of the original principals; at present it is affiliated with the York and Cumberland Christian Conference and the National Association of Evangelicals.

Court Street Christian Church celebrated its 140th anniversary with a special program Saturday night and Sunday. Guest speakers were Lt. Robert P. Evans, USNR and Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, president of Providence Bible Institute. Hon. Charles M. Dale, mayor of the city of Portsmouth and other Portsmouth clergymen brought greetings.

The Rev. Ivar Sellevaag, the present pastor, has served the church since 1935.

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Baptists Decline to Endorse Religious Teaching in Schools

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (RNS) — The 113th session of the State Baptist Convention here declined to endorse religious teaching in public schools and refused to approve affiliation of the convention with the North Carolina Council of Churches.

The way was left open, however, for individual Baptist churches in North Carolina, to approve weekday religious education and for individual Baptists to affiliate with the Council.

"The action taken by the convention was to order approval of these two subjects stricken from the report of its committee on social service.

Convention approval was given to the remainder of the report, which included recommendations that Baptists be patriotic in this war, but refrain from asking the blessing of God upon war.

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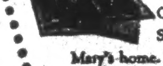

One of the basic reasons for decline in Sunday School attendance lies at the door of Johnny's and Mary's home. Their mother and daddy are not concerned enough—or even concerned at all—that their children attend regularly. They are busy all week. Maybe Johnny's mother has a war-time job. Sunday then becomes a day for "catching up," late rising, and you know the rest. Appalling, but true.

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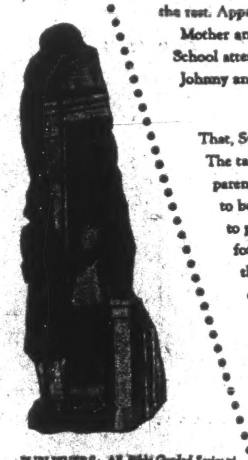

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Theme for this year's conference was "Prophecy and Evangelism," with special discussions given to revival. Nor were there discussions alone; God blessed with a spirit of prayer and intercession. For in addition to two daily scheduled prayer periods, meetings for prayer were held three nights after ten o'clock, attended by hundreds, one of these services continuing until 3:30 in the morning.

More than thirty speakers brought messages — all of them manifestly prepared under the guidance of the Spirit, and delivered in the power of that same Spirit of God.

On the list of speakers were a number of pastors: Dr. Richard S. Beal, First Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz.; Dr.

mer missionary and now a member of the Institute extension and radio staffs.

Heading the missionary speakers was Dr. Robert H. Glover, pioneer missionary to China, and home director emeritus of the China Inland Mission. A number of other missionaries were heard at the missionary symposium.

Two Christian laymen also brought messages: R. G. LeTourneau, inventor and industrialist, and Walter A. Haman, White House secret service agent.

But regardless of his field of activity, each messenger brought God's message to a waiting people. And the response was seen in mighty decisions made by many — for salvation, for surrender, for service, for holy living.

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Evangelicals of Cuba Organize

HAVANA, Cuba — A preliminary meeting was held on Jan. 29 in Havana, at which time the leaders of six evangelical missions in Cuba met to consider plans for a united front. Dr. Hugh W. Pain was elected temporary president. Adoption of the constitution, articles of faith and policy, will follow soon.

Salvation Army Officers Killed in Bombing Raids Over Germany

STOCKHOLM (by wireless) (RNS) — A number of officers of the Salvation Army in Germany have been killed during Allied bombing raids, according to information reaching here.

Dr. Paul Rood To Conduct Campaign

DENVER, Colo. — Dr. Paul Rood will conduct an evangelistic campaign at the Mission Covenant Church in this city from March 1-12. The Denver Association of N. A. E. is giving full cooperation.

MR. R. T. HARBO of the F. B. I., who will address the convention on juvenile delinquency.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 20— Word has been received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Mr. R. T. Harbo, Administrative Assistant to Director J. Edgar Hoover, is being made available to N.A.E. as a speaker at the 1944 convention in Columbus. Mr. Hoover is deeply concerned about the rapid rise of juvenile delinquency in this country. Facts will be brought by Mr. Harbo which are of concern to all church leaders. He will speak on Friday evening and be present to answer questions in the work-study group on Moral and Social Problems on Saturday morning.

Mr. Harbo is a native of Minnesota. He attended Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Universities of Minnesota and Iowa, receiving B.S., M.A., and LL.B. Degrees. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Educational Fraternity and of Phi Alpha Delta, Legal Fraternity. Prior to entering the Bureau, he was Superintendent of Schools at Buffalo, North Dakota for seven years and was President of the Cass County School League of Fargo, North Dakota, for five years.

In March, 1932, Mr. Harbo entered the service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was assigned to the Field as a Special Agent. In November, 1932, he was assigned to the headquarters of the FBI at Washington, D. C. He also served as an instructor in the FBI National Police Academy and in 1942 was designated by Mr. Hoover as an Inspector of the FBI.

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"For one, I am tired of indulging in self-condemnation over the present state of religious radio. While it is true that religious radio is sometimes poorly programmed, is it any wonder after the doghouse manner in which religion is treated by many stations? The way in which religion is relegated to almost every conceivable, unsaleable part of the schedule; the poor programming of religious subjects by the so-called expert program managers and lastly, crass ingratitude on the part of the industry for the way in which religion has saved many of the financially tottering radio stations during the depression only to be kicked in the teeth now that business is coming back, these factors are enough to ruin any good enterprise, religious or otherwise. And besides, since when must religion support business? I thought it was the other way around."

OPA Lists Clergy as 'Highly Essential' Drivers

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Ministers and religious practioners are listed among "highly essential" drivers in revised OPA plans for rationing of passenger automobile tires.

Purpose for which cars are used will determine eligibility for new tires, but decision as to what order of precedence is to be given to the various groups of "essential" users will rest with local rationing boards, the OPA says.

of the San Diego Baptist City Mission. Five directors are to be chosen at the next meeting.

American Mission to Lepers Establishes Office in Dallas

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 10 — With the opening of a regional office in this city, making the sixth to be established in the United States, the American Mission to Lepers is provided with facilities for the conduct of its work in every section of the United States. Dr. Eugene R. Kellersberger is at present carrying on the work at Dallas. In spite of the difficulties of transportation and the dislocation of work in some sections of the world where the greatest efforts for the alleviation of the suffering of lepers has been carried on, the Mission is encouraged to believe that the new opportunities in prospect offer great encouragement. Already plans are under way for the extension of the work in the war torn areas as soon as conditions permit.

Bob Jones Addresses Monthly N. A. E. Meeting

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 9 — The first of the regularly instituted monthly meetings of the Birmingham Committee met on Monday, Feb. 7. The Executive Committee gathered at 12:30 for a luncheon. This was followed by an open assembly at 2 p. m. in the First Methodist Church. Dr. Bob Jones was the speaker. The meeting was attended by between 60 and 70 people and was a success from every standpoint. The next monthly meeting will fall on March 6, with Dr. Paul James, of the Baptist Tabernacle of Atlanta as the guest speaker. The Birmingham Committee secured the services of Miss Jean Wilkins as secretary.

Ministers of Galveston Hear Dr. Bradbury

GALVESTON, Tex. — Dr. John Bradbury addressed the Galveston Ministerial Association recently at its regular meeting, in the interests of N.A.E.

2:00 P. M. on the 12th, and the National Advisory Council at 4 P. M. The first general meeting of the convention will be held in the Memorial Hall on the evening of the 12th. Dr. Ernest W. Wadsworth, director of the Great Commission Prayer League, will preside at an evening of prayer.

Thursday, after the opening business of the convention is disposed of, the day will be given over to a conference on evangelism, at which nationally known speakers will be heard.

On Sunday morning many of the delegates will appear in the churches of Columbus as speakers at the morning service. In the afternoon and evening, there will be two great mass meetings in the Municipal Auditorium, seating 6,000, at which Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse of Philadelphia, and Dr. Paul S. Rees of Minneapolis, will be the principal speakers. The massed choirs of the churches of Columbus will provide special music. Full

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San Diego Holds N. A. E. Convention

Philips, Marston and Kepner Address Sessions at White Temple Baptist

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 14 — Under the leadership of the local committee, San Diego played host to a large group of interested people as the claims of the National Association of Evangelicals were presented in a clear-cut manner by a team of three outstanding men.

All the meetings were held in the First Baptist Church in San Diego on Feb 3.

In the very first meeting of the afternoon, Rev. Frank Kepner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pomona, Cal., brought a most helpful devotional message and thereby set the whole tone of the meetings that were to follow.

Speakers in the afternoon session, who were presented by the local president, Rev. Clarence Agard, were Rev. Frank Kepner; Bishop Leslie R. Marston of Greenville, Ill., president of the Committee of Christian Education, Free Methodist Church, and first vice-president of the N. A. E.; and Dr. T. Roland Philips of Baltimore, Md., pastor of the Arlington Presbyterian Church and a member of the Board of Administration of the N. A. E.

After the devotional message by Mr. Kepner, Bishop Marston spoke on the educational outlook of the N. A. E. and gave some strong reasons for the existence of the National Association. Dr. Philips presented the story of the N. A. E. as he told of the St. Louis and Chicago meetings. He then conducted an open forum and many matters were clarified in the minds of some present.

At a very successful dinner meeting, the guest speakers were privileged to address a select group of church leaders who had been invited by the pastors. At this meeting again many questions were answered.

In the evening meeting, which was well attended in spite of wet weather, Rev. Frank Kepner brought a very helpful devotional message which again set the meeting just right for what was to follow.

Bishop Marston gave a most enlightening address on the workings of the N. A. E., showing the need for such a movement and telling of the spectacular growth.

Dr. Philips closed the meeting with a most outstanding address, stressing the fact that our God had an inheritance in us and because He loved us so, Christ came to pay the price of our sin. He closed this wonderful message by saying that the N. A. E. was standing on just such doctrine and he urged churches and individuals to get into the movement.

The San Diego committee has received a good number of applications for membership so far, and there is every reason to believe that many others will come in.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The publishers of UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION believe the time has come to publish the paper semi-monthly in a tabloid size. We are wondering how many of our readers are in favor of this forward step. We have received many requests that the paper be printed more often, but would like to know how you feel about it. Will you kindly check your answer below and send it in to us before April 1st?

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4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

DAY OF PRAYER

for Ministers and Missionaries

May 28, 1944

Dear Awakened Christian:

Pastor-teachers and missionaries have triple duties to the Church of God. These are: (1) Exemplifying the Gospel in word, manner of life, spirit and faith; (2) Teaching the Church for Christ and feeding her with the Bread of Life; (3) Turning men from [illegible] and from the power of Satan unto [illegible] the permanent Ecclesiastical [illegible] the direct act of [illegible] pastors and teachers," as [illegible] ation of His Church, and the [illegible]

Other Church officers by the indirect appointment of Christ through the apostles are called upon to supplement the labors of His ministers, and they hold their offices because of the ministry.

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Shall There Be A New Series Of Uniform Sunday School Lessons

The topics for the International Sunday School lessons are prepared by the Curriculum Committee of the International Council of Religious Education, with headquarters in Chicago. All denominations so desiring may become members of the International Council and may be represented on this committee. The topics are selected from the Bible and are designed, over a period of years, to cover the more essential historical and doctrinal portions of both the Old and New Testaments.

There has been some criticism of the chosen topics from time to time, as is natural. Improvements and changes have been made as a result. There have been rumors of plans to discontinue the temperance lessons and the missionary lessons. There have also been stories of a desire on the part of some members of the committee to use other than biblical topics.

The decision of the Executive Committee of N.A.E. to open up this subject was not reached primarily because of dissatisfaction with the present topics but for a much more urgent reason.

Several years ago I.C.R.E. decided to impose a royalty charge on non-member publishers of Sunday School literature in addition to the contributions which it received from members or non-members using the material. We understand that these royalties bring into the treasury of I.C.R.E. the tidy sum of $100,000 or more. Even if the amount is only $75,000 it is still an impressive figure. If that amount were going into the coffers of some fundamentalist organization for services which ought not to cost more than $5,000 we are afraid that there would be an ugly name attached to the recipients.

However, we are less concerned with the amount of excess profits going into the coffers of I.C.R.E. than we are with the use which is being made of that money. To those who have studied the whole set up it is evident that most of this money which is received by I.C.R.E. as royalties on the Sunday School topics comes from Bible-believing and gospel loving people. Standard Publishing Company, Scripture Press, Union Gospel Press, Higley's, Wilde Company, Sunday School Times and many others are among the organizations forced to pay "through the nose".

It is very evident that this money is being used to provide materials and leadership for the promotion of modernism. Thus, fundamentalists are forced to work against themselves by financing an organization, engaged in the destruction of the very things which they are trying to build up. How can we with good conscience continue to have a part in such a program?

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"Roving Reporter" . . . . .

. . . Word has just been received by your reporter that the A.B.C. Network, emanating from Grand Rapids, Mich., has been organized as a nation-wide radio chain handling religious broadcasts exclusively. The CHILDREN'S HOUR is now released through this new hook-up, with Percy Crawford of the "Young People's Church of the Air" starting Sunday, April 9. Dr. Chas. E. Fuller of the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour," is scheduled to start sometime in July of this year. Mr. Roy E. Kelley, prominent Gideon of Michigan, is executive vice-president of this new network. Christians everywhere are asked to uphold these men of vision in prayer.

Many ministerial associations are sending urgent invitations to N. A. E. headquarters, requesting speakers to present the movement. Several new associations and conferences have recently applied for membership, as well as many churches.

The 69th St. Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Philadelphia has recently celebrated its 10th anniversary with an eight-day series of services. Among the speakers were Rev. H. A. Jackson, recently repatriated on the Gripsholm from Indo-China; Rev. H. J. Conley of Williamsport, Pa., Rev. Gordon Wishart, evangelist, and Rev. William Christie, vice-president of the Alliance. Rev. G. E. Courtright is the pastor of this growing and prosperous church.

The Methodist Conference of Richmond, Virginia, recently put the President in an embarrassing position when it asked him why special privileges were granted for obtaining liquor at the food conference in Hot Springs, why ration stamps are required for the purchase of unfermented wine for communion services when fermented wines are sold in liquor stores without stamps; why alcohol for medical purposes requires a doctor's perscription and alcohol for beverage purposes does not.

Many of the ministers of Columbus are getting behind the coming convention in a splendid way.

Dr. A. E. Klick of St. John's Evangelical Church, and Dr. Frank H. Throop of Central Presbyterian Church, are organizing a hospitality committee. The majority of Columbus churches will co-operate in two great mass meetings to be held in the Municipal Auditorium Sunday, April 16, at 3:00 and 7:30 P. M.

The Presbyterian Stewardship Bulletin makes an observation containing much food for thought. It remarks, "A tither cannot be frightened by talking money to him. He always likes it. He is already giving, and he likes to hear about a thing that has brought him so much joy. He cannot be frightened by special offerings, for he always has something to give, and whatever it is, it is on a worship basis which takes the touchiness out of this giving business."

The Founder's Week Conference at Moody Bible Institute reached a new high in spiritual blessing and power this year. This great gathering draws thousands from every section of America. It is a major factor in molding the minds of the spiritual leaders of America. Dr. Will H. Houghton, President of the Institute, is a man of rare executive ability and vision. Under his leadership, this great institution is making rapid advances in many fields.

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2. It is agreed that in institutions established to promote special doctrines, religious, economic, or otherwise, such objects shall be entitled to reasonable safeguard and respect.

Taken literally, the first definition of academic freedom is a paradox. For a college to permit anyone provided with academic standing to teach anything about God, justice, and liberty is, with regard to culture and civilization, like drowning the crew to save the ship.

How could the administration of a college avoid this inconsistency? As long as our colleges and universities, without any center of judgment regarding moral and spiritual values, are set above the shifting opinions of the individual and the flux of passions, this is clearly impossible. The fact is that our institutions of higher learning, as well as our press, are still functioning on the basis of the old Voltairian fallacy of freedom for freedom's sake: "I do not agree with a word that you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." The result is incoherence and absence of leadership. Some time ago I read Professor Norman Foerster's *The American State University*, wherein the author draws a picture of the prevailing system of education in America. When I laid down the book, the American University appeared to me as a city bombed to the ground; everything lay in pieces; there was nothing left of a balanced and living order where the various provinces of human interest and learning are related by a common link. Nothing but chaos everywhere. The reeking disintegration of higher learning in America and the breakdown of all forces and forms of the old democratic ideals was pictured in the first sentence: "The American State University has progressively tended to subvert the higher interests of American democracy. It has devoted itself to ends that are not ends . . . to practicalities that have become impracticalities."

Among all the writers on this subject, the President of Chicago University, Robert M. Hutchins, is perhaps the most deeply persuasive and challenging. Here is a man who would make war on the American system of education to the end of the end. His whiff of grapeshot in "The Saturday Evening Post" is characteristic of the man and his method. Before him this was impossible, unthinkable. About one month ago, Robert M. Hutchins produced the expected blast: He brought theology into the University of Chicago. A faculty of theology was established as an organic part of the university, on parity with the faculties of sciences. "The special intellectual subject matter of the theological school," Dr. Hutchins explains, "is distinguished from the other matters of academic study by the fact that theological knowledge is rooted in revelation."

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Other Church officers by the indirect appointment of Christ through the apostles are called upon to supplement the labors of His ministers, and they hold their offices because of the ministry.

Ministerial spiritual enrichment, enlargement and quickening waits very much upon the prayers of the people of God. The prosperity of Christianity down the centuries has always been according to the strength or weakness of the prayer-life of God's people. The population of heaven and hell increases according to the rise or fall of spirit of prayer in the churches. "As soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children." By the sinful neglect of the ordinance of prayer, sinners slip in greater numbers into perdition. It is important, therefore, that God's people shall be in the spirit of prayer for the ministers of Christ.

The apostle Paul, the pattern of all Gospel ministers, had no false modesty and no false humility. He knew that he required the grace of God in order to do the work of God. He knew that this had to be sought not only by himself for his labors, but by God's people as well. Therefore, he pleaded for prayer (Rom. 15:30) as well as pleaded in prayer (Eph. 1 and 3).

The Gospel is the great instrument of salvation; and the minister is the medium through whom God has ordained the instrument of salvation shall become effective in human hearts. "How shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

Unless Christians really pray as they ought for God's servants the Word of the Lord will not run and have free course and be glorified. From the dawn of Church history to the present moment preaching has never aroused and drawn the interest of the generality of the people apart from the spirit of prayer on the part of Christian people. No other method devised for reaching the multitudes has been so successful as that easiest of all ministries, that convenient and mighty ministry of united prayer. When Christians fail to back their preachers with prayer the preached word fails to influence the multitudes. As a Christian, therefore, vow that you will ever pray for every God-called minister. While many are preying upon ministers by their selfishness, let all who love God and His cause, pray for His servants. As Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses in that great conflict with Amalek so let the faithful hold up the weary hands of God's ministers as they take their position at the spiritual fighting front.

Sunday, May 28, 1944, will be a special day of prayer for Ministers and Missionaries. Will you not make that day a real day of prayer for them?

Great Commission Prayer League, 808 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, 10, Illinois.

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For example, the chairman for many years (until his recent resignation) of the Curriculum Committee for the International Lessons, has been Dr. William Clayton Bower of Chicago University. Dr. Bower recently wrote a book entitled, "Christ and Christian Education" in which he has much to say regarding the functional use of the Bible as opposed to its use as an authoritative source of Christian doctrine.

Dr. Bower says, "If we would find the living God we must find Him where Jesus found him—in the living experience of living men . . ." (Page 36).

Again he speaks of the changing concept of God in the Old Testament. "During the period of their primitive pastoral culture, Jahwe was conceived as a tribal deity, moving with the clansmen from one pasture land to another. During the period of migration and conquest he was thought of as Jahwe of Hosts, a militaristic deity commanding the enslavement of the conquered males and the taking of conquered females as concubines . . ." (Page 47).

He calls attention to the "development of the doctrine of the Incarnation, the doctrine of the Trinity, the doctrine of the atonement. . ." (Page 49). He declares that it is incumbent upon the living generation of Christians to re-examine and reappraise its formulations of faith, its religious practises and its institutional arrangements. A religious education that fails to do this in a creative manner is less than Christian. . ." (Page 67).

He comments that "the doctrine of the atonement . . . again and agan has been reformulated in relation to changing social and cultural patterns . . ." (Page 72).

He speaks of the futility of trying to understand the nature of the universe as revealed by modern science under the thought forms of primitive Hebrew clansmen who regarded the earth as flat and as created by fiat in six days.

From beginning to end this volume reveals the unbelief of the chairman of the Curriculum Committee for the Sunday School lessons in the verbal inspiration of the Bible. Under these circumstances, is it not time for Bible-believing Christians to arise and insist on separation from leadership of this character. Do we lack men of learning and deep spirituality among our evangelical leaders that we must be forced to turn to those who reject the doctrines which we believe to be essential?

All leaders interested in Sunday School work from any angle are to meet in Columbus on April 11 to discuss this important problem and endeavor to find a practical solution.

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LATE FLASH . . . Beverly Shea, baritone soloist of WMBI, has been engaged by H. J. Taylor, president of Club Aluminum (and also N. A. E.'s treasurer) for a series of commerical programs over a Chicago station in which he will feature a Gospel song program called "Hymns from the Chapel."

What is Academic Freedom?

About one million teachers in the United States are paid and honored for teaching youth, for writing books and magazine articles. They are considered among the most useful of men and women. How useful are they?

To answer this question, another question must be answered first: How do they furnish the imagination of youth? For it is unquestionable that the world is governed by its college graduates, and the college graduates are governed by their imagination. The content of our imagination is the measure of our culture, and of our happiness. It is, therefore, the responsibility of educators to handle the imagination of youth with utmost discretion, if they are not to turn life into a riddle. Inasmuch as modern education has failed to furnish the imagination of youth with fixed and stable images regarding moral and spiritual values, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that modern education is bankrupt.

In a recent book, Professor P. A. Sorokin of Harvard University has observed and demonstrated the fact that the objects of the imagination of Europe before the 16th century were by 64.7% of a moral and religious nature (therefore, morally stabilizing and socially unifying) and 35.3% secular. Whereas, in the 20th century, it is 3.9% moral and religious and 96.1% secular.

These latter figures constitute the diagnoses of college education in America today. Our young people are sent to college to get the most effective acquisitive and self-assertive knowledge, and brought out into the world of affairs as "rugged individualists."

How many of our graduates feel that their A.B., A.M., Ph.D. is a public act of self-dedication to the sacred task of transmitting our cultural inheritance — the moral and spiritual truths which constitute Christian civilization? How many of them feel personally responsible for the continuity of these truths among men?

We have now operating in the world two systems of education: The American system and the totalitarian system — absolute academic freedom, and absolute dictatorship. No doubt the truth might be found somewhere between these two extremes. The Reference Shelf published the following definitions of academic freedom:

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But Christianity is more than a civilization, more than theology, more than the revelation of the Character, Purpose, and Requirement of God. The uniqueness of Christianity is *Christ the Saviour*. The student of Christ is his own laboratory and changing substance, as it were. To graduate a student from a Christian college is to send out into the world, invested with higher learning, one born of the Spirit, a man "in Christ," a Christian.

This beyond-theology, and beyond-the-Word-of-revelation into personal relation with Christ, is specifically the position of Westmont College. Therefore, our academic freedom is "the freedom that is in Christ Jesus."

By Christian Richard, Ph.D., of Westmont College, Los Angeles, California.

NEAR FUTURE ENGAGEMENTS OF EVANGELISTS

Evangelist	Dates	Place
Carl Armerding:	March 1-8	Flagstaff, Ariz.
	March 12-17	Winnetka, Ill.
	March 19-26	Waterloo, Ia.
	April 2-21	N. E. Fellowship Circuit
	April 23-30	Corry, Pa.
[illegible]:	March 1	Milo, Me.
	March 5-19	Newburg, N. Y.
[illegible]:	March 26-April 9	Moline, Ill.
[illegible]:	Feb. 19-March 12	Sykesville, Pa.
	March 14-18	Corning, N. Y.
	March 22-April 9	Altoona, Pa.
John L. Bray	Feb. 27-March 12	Chicago, Ill.
	March 13-28	Oak Lawn, Ill.
	April 2-16	Parkers Prairie, Minn.
	April 19-30	Boscobel, Wis.
[illegible]:	Feb. 27-March 12	Brookville, Pa.
John Carrara	Feb. 22-March 5	Harvey, Ill.
	March 17-22	Dallas, Tex.
	March 26-April 9	Tulsa, Okla.
	April 11-22	Alva, Okla.
	April 26-May 14	St. Paul, Minn.
	May 18-28	Des Moines, Ia.
Richard H. Doy:	Feb. 19-March 12	Opportunity, Wash.
	March 15-26	Kent, Wash.
	March 28-April 9	Seattle, Wash.
	May 14-28	Portland, Ore.
[illegible] W. Grimes	Feb. 23-March 5	Spokane, Wash.
	March 8-19	Salem, Ore.
	April 2-16	Flagstaff, Ariz.
	April 19-30	Safford, Ariz.
Michael A. Guido	March 12-26	Fort Worth, Tex.
Jubilate Trio:	Feb. 28-March 12	Youngsville, Pa.
	March 13-26	Harris Hill, N. Y.
	March 27-April 9	Buffalo, N. Y.
	April 10-16	Findley Lake, N. Y.
	April 17-23	Quakertown, Pa.
	April 24-May 7	Hazelton, Pa.
Walter B. [illegible]:	Feb. 22-March 5	Mt. Vernon, O.
	March 12-26	Huntington, W. Va.
	March 28-April 9	Salamanca, N. Y.
	April 16-30	St. Louis, Mo.

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Robert J. Kees	Feb. 23-March 5	Lehighton, Pa.
	March 7-19	Deckerville, [illegible]
	March 22-April 2	Newago, [illegible]
	April 4-16	Sault Ste. [illegible] Mich.
	April 19-30	Cass City, [illegible]
John R. MacArthur and Gordon [illegible]	Feb. 20-March 5	Detroit, Mich.
	March 12-26	Elmira, N. Y.
Arthur W. McKee:	Feb. 28-March 5	Tacoma, Wash.
	March 19-26	Newcastle, [illegible]
	April 2-7	Schenectady, [illegible]
Robert McKinney:	Feb. 22-March 5	Niagara Falls, [illegible]
	March 7-19	Toronto, Ont.
	March 21-26	Dayton, O.
	March 28-April 2	Lorain, O.
F. J. Miles:	Feb. 27-March 3	Oceanside, [illegible]
	March 5-8	San Diego, [illegible]
	March 12-17	Dallas, Tex.
	March 18-20	Salina, Kan.
	March 21-24	Chicago, Ill.
	March 26-31	Buffalo, N. Y.
Alfred E. Payes:	Jan. 18-March 5	Toledo, O.
	March 19-April 2	Ninevah, Pa.
	April 9-30	Birmingham, [illegible]
	May 7-28	Pensacola, Fla.
	June 4-25	Derry, Pa.
Albert Peterson	March 1-30	Tampa, Fla.
	April 9-23	Petersburg, [illegible]
W. W. Shannon and Michael A. [illegible]	April 2-16	Flint, Mich.
Gipsy Smith	Feb. 20-March 5	Philadelphia, [illegible]
	March 19-April 2	Marion, O.
	April 16-May 7	Nashville, [illegible]
	May 21-June 4	Atlanta, Ga.
O. W. Stucky	Feb. 20-March 4	Van Nuys, [illegible]
Ralph E. Stewart:	March 5-19	Ashton, Ill.
	March 26-April 2	St. Louis, [illegible]
	April 4-16	Petersburg, [illegible]
	April 23-May 7	Creston, Ia.
G. H. Vinaroff:	Feb. 28-March 5	McKeesport, [illegible]
	March 6-12	Braddock, [illegible]
	March 13-26	Rittman, O.
	March 27-April 9	Brook, Ind.
	April 16-30	Winfield, [illegible]
	May 1-14	Blackwell, [illegible]
Charles F. Weigle	March 5-19	Independence, [illegible]

Conference Speakers

DR. DANIEL IVERSON of Shenandoah Presbyterian Church of Miami, Florida, who will conduct the Work Study Group on Evangelism.

DR. BOB JONES, founder of Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn., who will address the conference on Evangelism.

Moody Conference Week

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live it out among the cobblestones of reality. Prophecy should make evangelists of us, not arm chair experts."

Another heart-searching message was given by Dr. Culbertson, dean of the Institute, on "Sin and the Believer's Attitude Toward It." Basing his subject on Psalm 97:10, "O ye that love Jehovah, hate evil," and Romans 12:9: "Abhor that which is evil," he spoke of the danger of association with sin. "We get accustomed to sin," he said, "so that it loses its heinousness." He considered the popular and perilous practice of excusing sin, and our need of meditation on the Word of God if we are not to excuse sin; then what ought to make us abhor sin. "The toll which sin exacts in this life and the penalty sin exacts in hell ought to keep up from sin," he declared, as he reminded the audience that in the judgment the books will be opened and men will be judged by what is written in the books. The most effective obstacle of sin, he concluded, is the awful cost paid by Christ on Calvary's cross for our redemption.

Missionary Day was one of the outstanding events of the week. The first missionary speaker was Mr. Woodbridge. Born in China and a former missionary to Africa, he brought a ...

us make here three tabernacles"? Or are we like Paul — "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision"? "It is good for us to be here — at this conference," declared Mr. Thomas, "but if it ends there, it can be a tragedy." He outlined the tragic results to the world if godly men of history had simply stayed in the place of personal blessing. He climaxed his illustrations by the unforgetable picture of the tragedy which would have engulfed the world if the Lord Jesus Christ had made a similar choice and had never left His glory for the humiliation of the incarnation. He finished with a moving appeal for Christians to translate the blessings which Christ heaps upon them into lives dedicated to bringing those blessings to a needy world. When Dr. Houghton invited those who were willing to go anywhere and do anything that Christ asked several hundred persons made their way to the front.

Speaking from personal observation and close contact with national Christian leaders, Mr. Gesswein gave two addresses on the Norway revival, the first concerning the revival before the Nazi invasion, and the second, on the fresh revival that has taken place since the Nazi invasion. "It is now commonly known that the Christian front in Norway is the most important of all," declared Mr. ...

Banquet of Los Angeles District Of N. A. E.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — One hundred fifty leading evangelical men of the Los Angeles area gathered at a banquet held on Monday, Feb. 7, to hear Dr. T. Roland Phillips of Baltimore tell of recent developments in the N. A. E. The men were enthusiastic in their interest and received great blessing from Dr. Philips' ministry.

The local committee, under the fine leadership of Dr. Don Householder, chairman, will concentrate on at least two constructive efforts this coming year, namely, the Released Time problem in connection with religious teaching in the public schools; and joining with the Christian forces in the city in the "Christ for Greater Los Angeles Campaign" in the fall.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are:

Chairman—Dr. Don Householder, co-pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Los Angeles.

Vice-Chairman—Dr. Henry Hutchins, pastor of Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena.

Secretary—Rev. Lloyd B. Byron, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena.

Treasurer—Dr. C. P. Haggard, Pacific Bible College, Huntington Park.

Convention Story

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The massed choirs of the churches of Columbus will provide special music. Full cooperation is being given to these services by the churches of the city.

On Monday there will be business sessions for the adoption of changes in the Constitution and committee reports, the election of officers and the selection of the convention city for 1945.

The day will conclude with a banquet at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, which must be limited to 1,000. The features of the banquet will be the installation of officers, the address of the incoming president and the final session of prayer.

Each day of the convention there will be an early morning prayer period at 7 o'clock, a devotional message at 8:45

Pictured here are ministers and laymen who attended recent dinner with Dr. T. Roland Phillips of Baltimore as the main speaker.

The President

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tion from all Bible believing organizations.

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The Columbus convention promises to be a wonderful gathering of evangelical leaders. The registrations and declarations of intention to be present are most heartening. The evangelical movement has gone a long way in the last year. Columbus will demonstrate just how far it has gone. One solid day of the convention will be given to an evangelistic conference addressed by men like Bob Shuler, Bob Jones, Richard Ellsworth Day and Walter Kallenbach. This alone will merit the entire effort to attend the convention, and will set the spiritual tone for it.

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The Union Movement grows. Congregationalism has always emphasized the autonomy of the church. Unbelievable as it may seem, discussions are now being held between the Congregational and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches for organic union. The basis of union as advanced at present will create a Presbyterian church out of the union, guaranteeing the individual ownership of property to each congregation but vesting all authority in a synod to be created by the union. Of course, the Presbyterian standards will not be the standards required doctrinally in the new church. They will merely be traditional standards with no binding force. This union will be looked upon by evangelicals with grave misgivings, and much will have to be said

Arizona Conferences Of N.A.E. Convene In Tucson and Phoenix

Two great Conferences in the interests of the N.A.E. convened in Arizona on January 31 in Tucson, and on February 1 in Phoenix. The first was held in the First Baptist Church in Tucson of which Dr. Richard Beal is the pastor. The second was held in the First Missionary Church in Phoenix, where Rev. Jared F. Gerig, Chairman of the Arizona Regional Committee, is the pastor.

Dr. T. Roland Philips, pastor of the Arlington Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, and a member of, the Executive Committee of N.A.E., and Rev. Jared F. Gerig were the speakers in the conference in Tucson. In the services held at 3:00 and 7:30 P.M., a fine representative group of evangelicals from various denominations and independent groups gathered in manifestation of their interest and concern for the work and program of the N.A.E. In bringing the main messages of the conference, Dr. Philips brought information and inspiration into the meetings, and a fine spirit of fellowship prevailed.

In the Phoenix Conference, twelve denominations plus many independent groups were represented, and approximately 60 ministers of the gospel were in attendance.

The principal addresses of the day were brought by two of America's great pastors, Dr. Philips of Baltimore and Dr. John Bunyan Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Diego, California. Both men

REV. HAROLD WARREN of Flint, Mich., another one of the convention speakers.

that of a return to the faith "once for all delivered to the saints." In the evening service, in a stirring message, he stressed the basis for fellowship among believers and defined in no uncertain terms the great essential, unmistakable fundamentals of the faith.

In all the services of both conferences, the nature, purpose and progress of the N. A. E. were fully explained, with opportunity being given for questions and discussions. The consensus of opinion throughout the meetings, and heard on every hand, was that the N. A. E. has come into being for such a time as this, and that it is worthy of the full support and sustained interest of all evangelicals everywhere.

Saturday Night Young Peoples Hour In Coastal City

"CHRIST FOR ME" was the testimony of hundreds of high school and college students, service men and women, as the Saturday Night Young People's Hour went over the radio for the first time on Feb. 12.

With "Christ for Me" as their testimony and "Christ for You" as their invitation, the young people of the San Francisco Bay Region will meet every Saturday night in a great rally at Glide Memorial Church to proclaim the power of the Word of God. The first rally opened with a singspiration led by Jack Lithgow of the U. S. Navy and Dick Carroll of the U. S. Army, at the piano. Testimonies by several young people and service men were followed by a male quartet and a girls' trio, and a meditation by Dr. J. C. McPheeters. Ed Stirm, director of the Hour, brought the closing challenge.

On succeeding Saturdays other local and visiting pastors and laymen will feature the programs. Two "highlight" visitors will be Dr. H. A. Ironside of Moody Memorial Church in Chicago, and Dr. John Brown of Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

An interdenominational group of San Francisco business men are sponsoring this new work: Mr. Sheridan Atkinson, Mr. Charles Herriott, Mr. Robert Saxton, Mr. Robert Padelford, Mr. Robert Smith and Mr. Ed Stirm. It became apparent that the crowded conditions in San Francisco brought on by the great influx of war workers and the steady flow of service personnel through the city means real opportunity to reach the thousands of young people with the gospel as never before. Many obstacles were encountered as the work was being planned — no acceptable radio time available and not one post office box to rent for a mailing address. But the Lord, in HIS goodness and power, caused the radio station to volunteer to move another program to make the best time available for HIS work. And then again, where no post office boxes could be had in the entire city — in some mysterious way, the ... remembered

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reminded the audience that in the judgment the books will be opened and men will be judged by what is written in the books. The most effective obstacle of sin, he concluded, is the awful cost paid by Christ on Calvary's cross for our redemption.

Missionary Day was one of the outstanding events of the week. The first missionary speaker was Mr. Woodbridge. Born in China and a former missionary to Africa, he brought a message on "The Missionary Crisis Which Faces the Church in 1944." Dr. Reich, director of the Institute's Jewish Missions Course, followed with a heart-warming message on "The Great Commission as Recorded in Each Gospel." The morning session closed with an address by Dr. Glover on "The Challenge of the Ripened Harvest."

Always a popular feature, the missionary symposium in the afternoon brought an audience of more than three thousand to hear brief sketches from various fields. The call and need were presented by Rev. E. J. Pudney, New Guinea, Unevangelized Fields Mission; Dr. Elliot D. Parkhill, American Sunday School Union; Miss Helen Western, South China Boat Mission; Rev. R. M. Jackson, Indo-China, Christian and Missionary Alliance; Miss Nina Zernov, Alaska, Russian Gospel Association; Rev. Edward Morrow, West Africa, Sudan Interior Mission; Rev. Gerhard A. Jacobson, Eastern China, Christian and Missionary Alliance; Rev. Leonard Buyse, East Africa, Africa Inland Mission; and Rev. E. Beatty, Tibetan border, China Inland Mission. The symposium was conducted by Dr. W. H. Hockman, director of the Institute's Missionary Course.

Climax of the day was the evening service, addressed by Mr. Thomas, on "The Heavenly Vision," from Acts 26:1-25 and Matthew 17:1-21. Are we like Peter — "Lord, it is good for us to be here . . . let

hundred persons made their way to the front.

Speaking from personal observation and close contact with national Christian leaders, Mr. Gesswein gave two addresses on the Norway revival, the first concerning the revival before the Nazi invasion, and the second, on the fresh revival that has taken place since the Nazi invasion. "It is now commonly known that the Christian front in Norway is the most important of all," declared Mr. Gesswein; "for it has won the hearts of Norway's millions, and has won the right to the frontal position in Norway's greatly besieged home front."

Two radio rallies were featured during the week. The first night, six thousand people crowded the auditorium to see and hear radio personalities, staff members, student singers and musicians, and representatives from the most popular programs of WMBI-WDLM, Institute radio stations. Sunday afternoon was given to the Children's Bible Hour, and was broadcast over a network of stations. An audience of four thousand, largely boys and girls, saw and heard this popular country-wide broadcast.

The closing service of the conference was on Sunday night, with the church auditorium crowded to capacity and many standing. Dr. Lee brought the message, on "Prepare to meet thy God," and "Be ye also ready." When the invitation was given many

found their way to the inquiry room.

Unmistakably, God's presence was manifest at the thirty-eighth Founder's Week Conference.

the election of officers and the selection of the convention city for 1945.

The day will conclude with a banquet at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, which must be limited to 1,000. The features of the banquet will be the installation of officers, the address of the incoming president and the final session of prayer.

Each day of the convention there will be an early morning prayer period at 7 o'clock, a devotional message at 8:45 and a Bible Hour at 11:30, which will be addressed by leaders of various denominational groups.

Another feature of the convention will be the exhibits at Memorial Hall, which will be set up by various mission boards, institutions and publication houses.

A thousand rooms have been reserved in Columbus for convention delegates. Information in regard to accommodations may be obtained by writing to the office of the National Association of Evangelicals, 120 Tremont Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

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ALFRED KUNZ of the Pocket Testament League, another speaker during the week of April 12.

[illegible] fellowship prevailed.

In the Phoenix Conference, twelve denominations, plus many independent groups were represented, and approximately 90 ministers of the gospel were in attendance.

The principal addresses of the day were brought by two of America's great pastors, Dr. Philips of Baltimore and Dr. John Bunyan Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Diego, California. Both men are staunch in their preaching of the great central truths of evangelical faith, and the audiences were stirred again and again as they were brought face to face with the need of our day.

Dr. Philips presented the background and basis for the N.A.E., and gave valuable informative material, emphasizing the need for a unity among believers everywhere in support of their rights and interests. He sounded the call and projected a challenge for evangelicals to present a solid front in the face of pressing needs and problems. In the evening service his call was to an abandonment to the one great supreme mission of the church, the evangelism of the lost world.

Dr. Smith spoke in the afternoon hour on the theme, "America's Greatest Need".

In all the sessions of both conferences, the nature, purpose and progress of the N. A. E. were fully explained, with opportunity being given for questions and discussion. The [illegible] of opinion throughout the meetings, and heard on every hand, was that the N. A. E. has come into being for such a time as this, and that it is worthy of the full support and sustained interest of all evangelicals everywhere.

The Arizona Regional Committee, organized a year ago, is continuing to function for 1944 and includes the following members: Jared F. Gerig, Chairman of the Regional Committee, Missionary Church Association; Rev. N. D. Davidson, Secretary - Treasurer, Assemblies of God; Rev. J. M. Newsome, Secretary, Arizona Baptist Convention; Rev. G. L. Ford, Free Methodist; Rev. I. W. Young, Church of the Nazarene; Rev. Edward Lester, Northern Baptist; Rev. George B. Kendall, Southern Baptist; Rev. F. T. Benner, Pilgrim Holiness; Rev. C. B. Holland, Methodist; and Rev. Richard Foster, Independent.

the work was being planned [illegible] no acceptable radio time available and not one post office box to rent for a mailing address. But the Lord, in HIS goodness and power, caused the radio station to volunteer to move another program to make the best time available for HIS work. And then again, where no post office boxes could be had in the entire city — in some mysterious way, the easiest remembered number was offered and rented — Box 123. "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." "Thanks be unto GOD for VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ."

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Youth Column By C. Stacey Woods

Mr. C. Stacey Woods will be addressing the April Convention on Inter-Varsity Fellowship

Students Face Post-War Missions

By C. STACEY WOODS

Five hundred selected delegates from 40 states, eight Canadian provinces and 20 other nations, met at Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, Dec. 28-Jan. 2 to lay plans for post-war missions.

This conference was sponsored by the Commission on University Work of the Council of Church Boards of Education, the National Intercollegiate Christian Council, the Student Christian Movement of Canada and the Student Volunteer Movement.

The gathering and its findings are significant to evangelical young people and it is well that they be carefully considered by evangelicals in the church as a whole in the light of the challenge to spread the gospel to the uttermost parts in the post-war world.

In a notable address, Dr. John R. Mott staunchly defended the oft-maligned watchword of the movement, "The evangelization of the world in this generation." He maintained that every individual in each generation throughout the world has a right to hear the gospel of Christ. Christ is the only basis for a real world fellowship, he said, and the purpose of the ecumenical movement is to gather together all the churches that acknowledge the deity of Christ, to promote mutual fellowship, planning and action.

Dr. Mott is one of the founders of the Student Volunteer Movement and the only living person who has attended every general conference of the movement.

The conference regarded home and foreign missions as of equal importance and concern to the church and the conviction was that Christian vocation is a way of life rather than a particular occupation. This was summed up by Mr. Arthur Mozer of Hartford Seminary, who said, "The frontiers of Christendom are now functional, not geographical, and the Christian layman [illegible] tions in heaven. Social reform, in the eternal scheme of things, is not an end in itself.

Many of the conference delegates had personal convictions as to the evangelical basis of world missions, but it is regrettable that few of the leaders clearly presented this basis to the conference as a whole as being necessary and foundational.

The conference suggests the pattern and ideals for world-wide missions in a large section of the church visible. The omissions and shortcomings should not be the occasion for calumny, but rather for concerted action on the part of evangelicals.

A positive program of missionary education and training, encouraging the most gifted and highly educated to missionary work in the post-war world, should be undertaken by evangelical leaders immediately.

Some have suggested the wisdom of interdenominational faith missions uniting to set up certain required standards for missionary candidates in order to provide missionaries who will be able to cope with higher educational and cultural standards of many lands. It is certain that increasing facilities for travel and the widespread dissemination of knowledge will challenge evangelical missions with entirely new problems and difficulties, but with greater opportunities.

Students Get New Missionary Vision

With one in 10 students looking forward to the foreign mission field, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary's evangelistic testimony is expected to reach into distant lands with such vigor in years ahead that a reversal may be forecast for the retrenchment of Northern Baptist Convention missionary effort of recent years. The present student enrollment is more than 300, with [illegible]

DR. WALTER KALLENBACH, noted blind evangelist, is scheduled to speak in the April convention.

Merrimac Mission Celebrates Forty-Fifth Anniversary

BOSTON, Mass.—The Merrimac Mission located in the West End of Boston and known as the Gospel Lighthouse will celebrate its Forty-fifth Anniversary at Tremont Temple Baptist Church with a great mass meeting on Sunday, March 12 at 3 P.M. This famous mission was founded March 14, 1899 after five young men and women had met in special prayer in a room on Joy Street to consecrate themselves to any work that the Lord wanted them to do, but without any thought of starting a mission.

God led them on, step by step, until the Mission was opened at 128 Merrimac Street, and was called the Merrimac Street Mission. Several months later it was removed to 134 Merrimac Street; and in the year of 1908 it was located at 105-107 Staniford Street and became known as the Merrimac Mission, Inc. So far as is known, one member of the original five founders is now living. He is George Taylor of Newton and will be on the anniversary program.

One of the special speakers for the occasion will be Mr. James E. [illegible]

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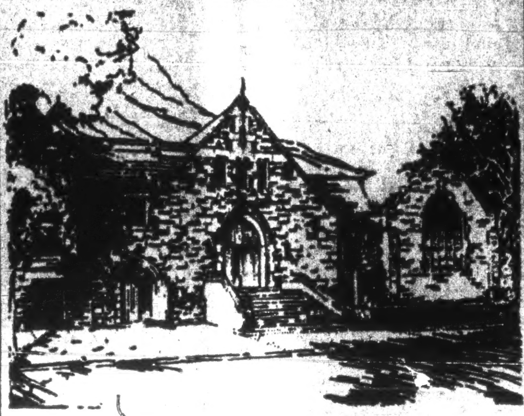

Arlington Presbyterian Church Baltimore, Md.

The Arlington Presbyterian Church had its birth in the mind of a returned medical missionary from Africa, who had settled in Arlington. He, with a small group of faithful believers, gathered in a store on Main street, Old Arlington, on May 21, 1905, for the purpose of starting a church. In a few weeks a Sunday School was opened with 15 scholars and two teachers. So mightily did God bless this little group of His children that they soon outgrew the capacity of the store. Finally a lot at the corner of Belvedere and Denmore avenues was purchased and on the 24th of December, 1905, a chapel, which had been erected, was dedicated to the service of God.

In 1915, the chapel was moved to the back of the lot to be used as a Sunday School room and a stone church was erected during the pastorate of Dr. Briegleb. In 1917, Rev. Harold S. Laird became the pastor, but accepted a call to Philadelphia in 1919. That same year, the present pastor, Rev. T. Roland Philips, was called and accepted. A manse was built the following year and by 1926 both the church and the manse were free of debt. Congregations continued to grow and a "Special Building Fund" — money to be used for building purposes only — was started.

At a special congregational meeting held in 1928, the Building Committee was authorized to formulate plans for the enlargement of the church building. The new building was completed and the first service held in it on Palm Sunday, March 24, 1929.

The testimony of the congregation is that of the Psalmist, "God hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Under His guidance, the church shows a most satisfying growth. It now has a membership of 1,610 and an enrollment in the Sunday School of 800.

The church lives by faith in the promises of God, being supported entirely by the voluntary gifts of its members. The property, valued at $175,000.00, has no indebtedness. There are no endowments, yet there has never been a year but at the end of which all bills have been paid, with a small balance in the treasury. God has never failed.

In addition, and much more important than the above, is the spiritual blessing which has been received. The Lord has honored the church by touching the hearts of her young people and thrusting them forth into His service. Fifteen of her young men are [illegible]

MR. CHARLES GREMMELS of New York City, who will address the convention on personal evangelism.

Pastors of Muskegon, Mich., Organizing Branch of N. A. E.

MUSKEGON, February 7—Answering a call sent out to pastors of the city by the Rev. Arnold Brink, pastor of Bethany Christian Reformed Church, twenty-five leaders of the city gathered today to consider the organization of a Muskegon branch of N.A.E.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. J. Elwin Wright, N.A.E.'s field secretary. He gave a historical sketch of the movement and answered many questions relating to its program and policies.

A second meeting is to be held early in March, at which time the formal organization of the local work will be effected.

Corazon on the other side of the jungle that they took a rice supply for only two weeks. The searching party likewise left its main supplies at the jungle fringe, and spent eight days on food for three. Through the tropical rains they stuck to the trail, discovering lean-tos of large leaves erected by the missing party for protection against night showers. Along river banks, climbing treacherous and glassy rocks, they suffered only slight injuries and avoided bone breaks which spell a jungle death, since it is impossible to carry victims back. The trail zigzaged but, when the searchers' food supply was almost gone, they determined to press on, shooting wild turkeys and discovering a [illegible]

Connecticut Pastors And Laymen Convene In New Haven For Regional Conference

SPECIAL NEW HAVEN, CONN., FEB. 21

Opening Session: An appropriate antecedent to this important meeting was the time of devotions under the direction of Rev. R. G. Simpson of Bridgeport.

After singing "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned," and reading a Scripture portion from Acts 1, with appropriate comments on the necessity of the Holy Ghost's enabling to make us effectual witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ, there was a period of sincere and fervent prayer soliciting God's blessing and guidance in all the days' events and business.

Pastor Eilsen extended a hearty welcome to the delegates, to which Rev. Melville Hatcher, Acting Chairman, responded.

Mr. Hatcher read a tentative outline of the Order of the Day which was readily accepted by the group. The session formally convened at 3:30 with Mr. Hatcher acting as chairman. By general consent, the Chair appointed Jack Shepherd, New Haven, to act as secretary.

The first item of business was the selection of a committee to bring in the names for a Connecticut State Committee of the N.A.E.

Chairman Hatcher gave a short historical sketch of the N.A.E. which was followed by an open forum discussion, which Mr. Hatcher conducted with the able assistance of the guest speaker, Dr. James T. Rider of Boston.

Following the forum, Mr. Hatcher read a paper and invited questions and contributions from the group relating to the various subjects he mentioned: child evangelism, community surveys, religious education for school children, service centers, teacher training, street meetings, tract and Gospel literature, social and moral reform, war relief and other similar matters. There was a hearty interest in this part of the meeting, especially in noting the contribution that the N.A.E. could make in supporting such projects.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:30 p.m. The ladies of the Free Church [illegible] further nominations, but that the secretary should cast a ballot to elect all four of the candidates.

A motion was adopted:
That all Connecticut state members of the N.A.E. who are able to attend the New England Convention in Boston on March 6 be empowered to act as delegates to represent Connecticut.

A motion was adopted:
That the evening offering (2-21-44) be assigned to the Connecticut state treasury of the N.A.E.

A motion was adopted:
That the treasury insofar as it contained sufficient funds, provide for expenses incurred in sending its delegates to the National Convention of the N.A.E. in Columbus, Ohio in April, 1944. (This indicates Connecticut state treasury.)

A motion was adopted:
That Mr. Elmer N. Fitch of Bridgeport be an alternate delegate to the 1944 National Convention of the N.A.E.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:30.

Evening Service: Two hundred or more people were present and joined heartily in the opening hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Rev. Grant Sension led in prayer. Then the congregation sang again, "The Solid Rock," Rev. Tellevick then read Psalm 85:6-13.

The Free Church Choir under the capable direction of Mr. Pedersen, sang a splendid and well executed arrangement of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Just before Dr. Rider spoke on "The Supreme Need of Our Time" the congregation sang "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

Dr. Rider's timely message drew attention to the crisis time in which we live and the evil that is abounding in the world. He indicated from God's Word that what we need most is a Holy Ghost revival. The [illegible] mentioned a few of the inevitable results of God's moving in the lives of men . . . a new version of the old truths, a new discovery of our lovely Lord Jesus, lives transformed through the influence of grace. His very pointed conclu- [illegible]

home and foreign missions as of equal importance and concern to the church and the conviction was that Christian vocation is a way of life rather than a particular occupation. This was summed up by Mr. Arthur Mozer of Hartford Seminary, who said, "The frontiers of Christendom are now functional, not geographical, and the Christian layman is the real missionary."

This definition evangelicals recognize as scriptural, and it brings attention to the role of the non-professional missionary in the post-war world. In other words, a Christian engineer in the will of God believes that God has called him to engineering just as definitely as He has called another to the gospel ministry; and that as a Christian engineer his first duty is that of a Christian witness and ambassador to those with whom he is brought into contact because of his vocation, either at home or abroad.

Stress was laid on the need for a new approach to the whole missionary enterprise. A return to prayer and Bible study as a basis for the world mission of Christianity was urged, but there was little provision in the conference for much intercessory prayer or for smaller groups which could meet for prayer and Bible study. Some spontaneous prayer meetings were held.

Despite recognition by these students of a Divine imperative for missions, there was a distressing lack of emphasis on the necessity of presenting Jesus Christ to the lost as a personal Saviour from sin's penalty. The mission of the church, as indicated by the discussions of the conference, seemed to be social salvation on earth, the by-products of Christianity to men and women, the uplift of the under-privileged, social benefit and equality rather than the essential Christian message.

As evangelicals, we concede that we have grievously neglected the social implications of the Christian faith in the last generation. However, it cannot be stated too strongly that the task of the church toward humanity is primarily that of witness. The church is God's instrument in calling out a people for His name — a heavenly people who are pilgrims and strangers on the earth and who are seeking a city with founda-

looking forward to the foreign mission field, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary's evangelistic testimony is expected to reach into distant lands with such vigor in years ahead that a reversal may be forecast for the retrenchment of Northern Baptist Convention missionary effort of recent years. The present student enrollment is more than 300, with some 38 missionary volunteers.

Many segments of the globe are included as missionary objectives, though most candidates are looking to China, India and South America. Recently, Dr. Peder Stiansen, professor of missions, reported in chapel that the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society had expressed embarrassment because of the lack of candidates for the foreign field. He made no plea, but only a simple statement. Yet, by the following day he had notes indicating that students and their wives, up to the number of 22, now stand ready to go to the foreign field when their studies are completed. Subsequently, numerous others made it plain that they are also missionary volunteers, willing to suffer for Christ in distant lands, as men in the armed forces have sacrificed for their country.

Evangelical Association Conducting Survey of Religious Broadcasting

BOSTON (RNS) — An extensive survey of religious broadcasting is being undertaken among radio stations by the National Association of Evangelicals with headquarters here.

The questionnaire seeks data on the number and kind of religious broadcasts, the extent to which religious broadcasts are on a sustaining or paid-for basis and the degree to which funds are solicited over the air in connection with religious programs. The survey also seeks to ascertain how far religious programs have recently been curtailed or the time of broadcast changed to the disadvantage of the program.

Preliminary returns indicate there are least 3000 separate religious programs on radio stations in the United States, according to J. Elwin Wright, field secretary of the Association, who is directing the survey. He said final results will be released about the middle of April.

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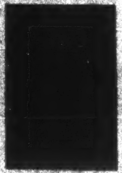

One of the special speakers for the occasion will be Mr. James E. Bennet, noted New York Christian lawyer and author of "The Bible Defeats Atheism." Mr. Bennet was the attorney for the defense of the Bible and Dr. Harry Rimmer a few years ago when a group of atheists and modernists tried to prove the Bible to be untrue and unscientific, and thus win a judgment of $1000 against Dr. Rimmer.

Rev. J. J. D. Hall, affectionately known to thousands of his friends as "Daddy" Hall, and the "Bishop of Wall Street," but in recent years has become famous throughout the United States, because of his amazing telephone ministry will also be one of the speakers. He will speak each night in the mission hall from March 9 to March 12. There will be a splendid musical program including the Trmpet Trio and the King's Male Trio.

The Merrimac Mission is a well organized and established work and has the confidence of the Boston churches and Christian leaders of Greater Boston. Gospel services are held each night, hungry men are fed and sheltered; and hundreds have been led out of darkness into God's most marvelous Light. George H. Eddy is the superintendent and has been there in this position for the past 12 years. He is a member of Tremont Temple Baptist Church, having been converted there 21 years ago. Mr. Willard E. Glazier, an investment broker and member of the Maplewood Baptist Church, of Malden, is president of the splendid Board of Directors. He will be Chairman of the Anniversary Mass Meeting.

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The secret of the church's life is in its evangelical faith founded upon the inspired Word of God. The ministry is a Bible teaching ministry, the great majority of those attending bringing their Bibles and learning what God has done for them and what He expects of them.

Arlington Presbyterian Church has been a member of N. A. E. for the past year, and has given generously to the Association both in financial support and in releasing its pastor to cover many speaking engagements in the promotional work. Dr. Philips' ministry has been greatly blessed of the Lord.

Searching Party Of 50 Men Seeking Five Missionaries Reported Lost In Bolivia

By Carl F. H. Henry

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 3— A searching party of 50 men, to compel the savage Barbaros Indians of the Bolivian jungle to produce, dead or alive, the five missionaries missing for three months, is being organized by aroused inhabitants of the jungle fringe. The indignation movement may pass beyond the control of South American missionary workers, who hope to accompany the party to plead for the wild savages whom they seek to convert to Christianity.

Surprising 30 savages in the thick of the jungle, a preliminary expedition of seven missionaries captured the Barbaros' weapons and recovered personal belongings of the five lost men, after a fracas in which one member of the searching party was shot by a poison arrow. There was no sight of the missing men, however, indicating that they had been slain by the Indians, although the New Tribes Mission compound at Robore holds to the faint glimmer of hope that the missionaries are prisoners.

The lost workers plunged unarmed into the "green hell" of the Bolivian jungle in mid-November to work among the savages, known also as the Barbacoas, who shoot poison arrows from primitive blow pipes and bows, and wield aboriginal type tomahawks.

The searching party, including two other members of the party of 11 adults who sailed 15 months ago for the Bolivian missionary effort, discovered a jungle camp apparently ransacked by the Barbaros, and personal articles of the lost men, on Dec. 29. Led by George Hait of the South American Indian Mission, whose 15 years of missionary experience in Bolivia gave him valuable insight into Barbaros tribal customs, the expedition of seven men, all expert in jungle life and trailing, set out Dec. 22. In the party were Clyde Collins and Wally Wright, who had gone to the field with the missing quintet.

Armed with rifles for hunting and protection, they hit the jungle trail of the lost men in two days. The missing evangelists had left only a faint trail of cut branches; so confident were they of reaching

large ... of the missing party for protection against night showers. Along river banks, climbing treacherous and glassy rocks, they suffered only slight injuries and avoided bone breaks which spell a jungle death, since it is impossible to carry victims back. The trail zigzaged but, when the searchers' food supply was almost gone, they determined to press on, shooting wild turkeys and discovering a huge turtle full of eggs, a providential sustenance.

On the fifth day the posse reached Barbaros territory, discovering a cluster of leaf houses built the previous day with the tools of the missing missionaries. The trail led to a temporary eating place, and by noon the party discovered burning fires left that morning by an estimated 30 savages. Within a half hour they overtook the wild natives. Under their heavy packs, the searchers crept down to the edge of the camp where the Barbaros laughed, talked and chopped trees to be made into lean-tos for the night. A naked Barbaros woman walked within a few yards of the hiding watchers, toward the small river fronting the Indian camp, which was bounded by narrow ravines on each side.

At a given signal, in a move to cut off the savages from their hilltop fortress and weapons, the searchers rushed out with screams that created the impression of 50 attackers. The Barbaros fled, leaving their bows, arrows and clubs. A search of the camp revealed articles belonging to the missing missionaries; a camera lens, Cecil Dye's knife and a sock, George Hosbach's machete and towel, a poncho, parts of a knapsack and hammock. The savages had used the tools taken from the missing missionaries in erecting the camp, but there was no sign of the men themselves.

Collins and Wright, two of the searching party, sauntered to the river for a bath, utterly exhausted. A sudden scream revealed that Wright, in the river, had been shot in the lower back by a Barbaros in hiding, the arrow penetrating three inches. The shooter apparently was a hunter who had returned to camp after the surprise attack.

The searching party, to protect their retreat to their home base, burned all the Barbaros weapons. Their hope of finding the missing men, dead or alive, within a few hours, was frustrated by tropical downpours which raised the rivers to flood waters and necessitated a hurried withdrawal from the jungle. Wearied and under terrific strain, and with only a cup or two of rice, the men made their way back to the compound, where the wives of the missing men refuse to give up hope.

Meanwhile the townspeople, alarmed at the constant threat of the Barbaros Indians to inhabitants of the jungle fringe, are organizing a large-scale commission to find the missing men, and to establish proof of mistreatment by the savages, if any. The missionaries, however, are eager to get the movement under their control, since they fear that a vengeance campaign will only make it more difficult to reach the savages with the Gospel.

... service centers, teacher training, street meetings, tract and Gospel literature, social and moral reform, war relief and other similar matters. There was a hearty response in this part of the meeting, especially in noting the contribution that the N.A.E. could make in supporting such projects.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:30 p.m. The ladies of the Free Church served a delicious dinner to the conference guests.

The evening session was called together at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Hatcher.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Mr. Tibbetts:

Resolved (1) That the following names be placed in nomination for the Connecticut State Committee of the N.A.E.

Chairman — Rev. Melville Hatcher, Bridgeport

Vice-Chairman—Rev. Richard G. Simpson, Bridgeport

Secretary — Rev. Grant Sension, New London

Treasurer — Rev. N. L. Larsen, Hartford.

Resolved (2) That the Committee be supplemented by a delegate from each of the denominations represented in the Connecticut division of the N.A.E. to be appointed by the Committee.

Rev. Eilsen presided for the election.

A motion was adopted:

That there should be no

... attention to the crisis ... in which we live and the ... that is abounding in the world. He indicated from God's Word that what we need most is a Holy Ghost revival. The ... mentioned a few of the noticeable results of God's move in the lives of men . . . a new version of the old truths, a new discovery of our lovely Lord Jesus, lives transformed through the influence of grace. His very pointed conclusion disclosed the only method of realizing any revival power in our midst — the sound Scriptural formula: "If my people who are called by my Name will hear my voice and humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, then will I hear from heaven . . . . "

A generous offering designated for the Connecticut state treasury of the N.A.E. was indicative of the genuine interest of the people in the new movement, which had just this night been introduced to most of them. Dr. John Brobeck played a trombone solo for the offertory.

The closing song, "Revive Us Again," reflected the prevailing attitude in the prayer period that followed, and the high spirit of consecration to God's will in every person as they left the meeting.

The benediction by Rev. Simpson committed the day's events and all that shall be resultant from them into the hands of our Great Leader.

Dallas Clergy Launch Cleanup Drive

DALLAS, Tex. (RNS) — The Dallas Pastors Association has announced that local clergymen will broadcast from their pulpits information obtained on gambling conditions in the city. The facts will be laid before the Dallas County Grand Jury.

The clergymen launched an investigation several weeks ago following reports that the Dallas police department had collected $120,000 in vagrancy fines and cash bonds from gambling operations.

With more than 100 churches of 31 different denominations behind the Association's cleanup drive, plans are also being made to attack the problems of excessive drinking and venereal disease through educational campaigns, Dr. William C. Jones, president of the Association, said.

Dr. De Haan to Address 12th Annual Easter Sunrise Service

By CARL F. H. HENRY

DR. M. R. DE HAAN

Speaker at Chicago's twelfth annual Easter sunrise service April 9 in Soldier Field will be Dr. Martin R. DeHaan of Grand Rapids, Michigan, whose radio Bible class is heard on 300 stations, including the Mutual network.

The interdenominational service which in recent years has attracted about 50,000 persons annually in favorable weather, is now being planned in detail by a central committee of 20 laymen representing various evangelical movements in the Chicago area.

Dr. DeHaan, a former medical doctor who forsook a $20,000 yearly practice in Grand Rapids in 1923 in obedience to a call to the ministry, has the world's largest Bible class, his Sunday broadcast being carried to a global audience by six short wave stations. Valedictorian of his 1914 graduating class at University of Illinois medical school, he had built up one of Michigan's most successful general practices when, in 1922, he suffered blood poisoning. As he lay in the shadow of death, he committed his life to Christ. After restoration to health, he stifled a call to the ministry on the ground that Christian doctors are as necessary as clergymen, but he found no rest of spirit. The following year he sold his practice and entered seminary.

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wide, proclaiming CHRIST IS RISEN.

When a Chicagoland service was first proposed in a young people's meeting, the general reaction was that the undertaking was too vast to be sponsored successfully. The idea was presented to the evangelistic council of the Century of Progress exposition, suggesting that the Court of the Hall of Science, first building completed on the fair grounds, be used. Nobody seemed to favor the plan. Fair gates were not to open until June and it was felt that public admission in April, even for religious purposes, was not only impractical but also bad psychology.

As difficulties mounted, a group of Chicago's young people went to prayer. Then it was learned that the secretary of a leading Fair official was a Christian and might be influential. She passed the suggestion along to the official and it struck fire. The proposed meeting created much enthusiasm throughout the Chicago area.

Easter morning brought other problems. The committee had decorated the previous day and spent all night in a Loop hotel praying for good weather, only to make its way through an early morning drizzle to the Fair grounds. An all-night storm had drenched the flags of all nations, the bunting, the huge red banner with a white cross that floated from atop the towering flag pole in the Court of the Hall of Science, and all available seats.

First of the chartered bus caravans arrived in a drizzle. Soon many hundreds of people were swarming over the court, garbed in overcoats, raincoats and jackets, and sheltered under umbrellas and newspapers. The crowd expanded to 15,000, and ushers were swamped. As the service began, the showers halted and a speck of blue appeared here and there in the sky. Committee members, as well as fair officials, were taken by surprise by the whole turn of events. Hats, plates and boxes were pressed into service for the offering.

Maine Ministers Meet In South Portland For Organizing NAE Regional Committee

(Special South Portland, Me.) February 21, 1944. At 12:30, thirty-four pastors representing nine denominations in the southern Maine area sat down to a dinner in the First Free Baptist Church of South Portland. The dinner was provided by the ladies of this church without cost to the guests. This church, as a member of N.A.E., is vitally interested in doing what it can to further the work of this great Association. The meeting held in the vestry following the dinner was presided over by Rev. Winthrop E. Robinson, pastor of the church and member of the Executive Committee of the New England Conference of N.A.E. The work and aims of the N.A.E. were very ably presented by three visiting ministers: Rev. Ivar Sellevaag, Rev. Buell W. Maxfield and Rev. J. A. Parkander. Following this presentation, there was a discussion period which demonstrated a very real interest in N.A.E. The meeting was adjourned after selecting a nominating committee to present temporary officers for the Southern Maine Conference of N.A.E.

At 7:30 P.M. a public rally was held in the First Baptist Church of Portland of which Dr. John W. Hyssong is pastor. Rev. J. A. Parkander presented an inspiring address on the great need of evangelical unity and of the progress toward meeting that need being made by the N.A.E. At the rally the following temporary officers were elected for the Southern Maine Conference of N.A.E. Chairman, Rev. Winthrop E. Robinson; Vice Chairman, Rev. Stanley B. Harding, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Portland; Secretary, Rev. Maurice S. Amnott, pastor of the Advent Christian Church of Westbrook; treasurer, Rev. Ingvard M. Andersen, pastor of the Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church of Falmouth. As a fitting climax to a fine rally Rev. Buell W. Maxfield brought an evangelistic message.

DR. JOHN R. RICE of Wheaton, Ill., noted author and evangelist, is another conference speaker in the coming April conference.

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Indianapolis Reports Progress

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 15 — The local committee of N. A. E. was organized just before Christmas. The present membership includes about 35 ministers, with the prospect of many additions soon. The following are the elected officers of the Indianapolis Association: president, Rev. Gene Phillips, First Church of the Nazarene; vice-president, Rev. Don C. Caywood, First Free Methodist Church; treasurer, Rev. Ross Minkler, North Side Church of God; secretary, Rev. Bennie Morgan, Shelby Street Methodist Church. Regular meetings have been established the second Monday of each month at the noon hour in the Y. M. C. A. The group meets for luncheon, after which there is a devotional period and a guest speaker. Dr. J. Enos Windsor, of the Columbia Methodist Church in Cincinnati, was the speaker for February.

"CHILDREN'S HAVEN"

Mr. Robert Murray of Brighton, Mass., who conducts Christian Children's Haven for children during the week.

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He believes that present day juvenile problems are the result of neglected family worship and Christian training in the home. Therefore, something must be done outside the home for the children to give them this needful training. To this end, in his own community he has opened the "Children's Haven," a meeting place with cheery assembly rooms and a well fitted playground. He has installed a swimming pool, swings, sand box, see-saws, and an open fireplace.

With the exception of Sunday (when churches and Sunday schools are open), the children meet there every day, rain or shine, with responsive little hearts to sing gospel songs, learn Bible verses and receive Christian training through object talks, Bible stories and flannel board lessons.

The grounds are open every day for healthful, clean play, swinging away on the swings or having a "weenie" roast, and there are parties too, with pop, candy, ice cream and cake. Do they like it? They wouldn't miss it for anything.

It is the hope and dream of this business man, Robert Murray, that there will be a Children's Haven in every needy section of every big city in our land. 'A Children's Haven for every saloon' is his challenge.

The Children's Haven is incorporated, with a group of Christian business men as directors. Dr. Gordon Brownville of Tremont Temple, Boston, as one of its directors, makes this statement in a letter dated Oct. 26, 1943, to the Christian people of New England: "I am standing enthusiastically with Mr. Murray in this work and any co-operation or assistance you might be able to give to him and to the work will bring rich dividends now, in the post-war world, and for eternity. I know of no more fruitful market in which investments can be made with a guarantee of returns, than this particular work."

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DR. PAUL S. REES of Minneapolis will be a speaker at the NAE convention.

Dr. Vereide in Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 7—Rev. Abraham Vereide has spent considerable time in Washington recently, organizing breakfast and prayer groups among the leaders of the nation's capital. One group of Senators and Congressmen is meeting regularly for fellowship and prayer. Another group, comprised of members of the diplomatic circle, has just been organized. N.A.E. is sharing its office at 1422 F Street, Northwest, with him.

Dr. Vereide will be present at the National Convention in Columbus and will have a prominent part in the special session arranged for business executives who will attend in considerable numbers.

Increasing Demand for Religious Recordings

LOS ANGELES (RNS) — Phonograph record dealers here report an increasing demand for religious recordings, especially among members of the armed forces. Most sought after are recordings of hymns, organ music, and oratorio pieces.

Lutherans Plan 1945 Conference

NEW YORK (RNS) — A four-day conference of approximately 350 accredited delegates representing all Lutheran bodies affiliated with the National Lutheran Council, will be held in 1945.

The conference, authorized by unanimous vote of the Council, meeting here in annual session, will "frankly discuss" the relationship of the Church to "outstanding problems of American life."

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When DeHaan began using a microphone instead of his stethoscope 17 years ago, he never dreamed of a global broadcast. His radio Bible class grew out of a program launched six years ago on Friday nights in the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, when the hearers decided to broadcast the messages over a local station. Today the Bible lesson is heard over the Mutual network and over almost 100 high-power stations not included in the great radio chains. The radio mail runs from 8,000 to 40,000 letters a week. Around the world are missionaries, and around the nation are preachers whose first impulse to receive Christ as Savior or to enter full-time service dates back to one of these broadcasts.

The Chicago sunrise service has drawn more than 400,000 persons since 1933. In a streamlined promotional program, Christian leaders call the worship meeting to the attention of the Mid-West by many thousands of posters in street cars, elevated trains, busses; pluggers; billboards; elevated platform displays, newspaper and magazine publicity; and spot announcements over radio stations. The central committee meets almost weekly from Christmas to Easter to complete plans.

Thirty years ago outdoor worship on Easter morning was far less common than today, but now, except as wartime regulations interfere with coastal area meetings, such dawn services are held in many cities. The Chicago meeting, though young in years, has become the largest in the land. One feature, absent from the Soldier Field service since last year because of the wartime demands upon manpower, is the choir of 3,000 mixed voices from Chicago churches. Instead, the committee has provided a prominent soloist and quartet. The program, presented from a huge platform in the center of the field, is set off by huge letters, 14 feet high and 10 feet

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Success of the first meeting was the cue for an annual affair. The sunrise service, since 1934, has been held in Soldier Field, the Chicago Park Board having granted permission annually to use the large arena.

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The publishing organization was formed last year when the principal Christian literature societies in Free China merged.

These gains were made, it was pointed out, despite lack of sufficient funds, transportation difficulties, and mailing restrictions.

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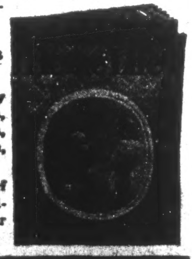

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Lutherans Move Toward Union

(Dr. Graebner is on the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., the leading theological seminary of the Missouri Synod.)

By THEODORE GRAEBNER

When a group of 65 pastors, professors, and laymen of the Lutheran churches of Rock Island met in the fall of 1943, the item did not bulk large in the press, but it marked a significant turn in the relationship of the four Lutheran bodies which represent more than 80 per cent of the membership of that denomination in the United States.

The meeting included representatives of the United Lutheran Church, the American Lutheran Church, the Augustana Synod, and the Missouri Synod, and it was held in the hall of a Missouri Synod parochial school. The assembly heard a lecture on Lutheran Hymnology by Dr. E. E. Ryden of the Augustana Synod. It appointed a committee for the purpose of laying down principles for a federation of Lutherans in the Quad Cities (Davenport, Rock Island, Moline, East Moline). The purposes of the federation include such projects as the obtaining of released time for religious instruction, finding employment for Lutherans after the war, and discussion of those doctrinal differences which are still keeping Lutherans apart.

For some time, conferences have been held between the clergy of the Missouri Synod and of the American Lutheran Conference. At these meetings, matters of doctrine and practice have been discussed and it is reported that of 125 such meetings, held in New York and California and points between, less than five per cent were unsatisfactory in their results, all others showing that on the points discussed, the pastors of these two bodies found themselves in complete agreement.

The first impulse for this revival of union efforts among Lutherans was given by the synodical resolutions of 1938 in which the Missouri Synod and the American Lutheran Church declared their agreement on doctrinal points which had been in controversy for more than half a century. Fellowship relations have not yet been declared. They await the result of a more complete record of inter-synodical meetings.

war Readjustments, Race Relations, and Laymen's Work. The seminars were programmed for Lutheran centers throughout the United States, twenty in all.

A more sensational move was that of the 1941 convention of the American Lutheran Church which offered fellowship relations to the United Lutheran Church if certain obstacles were removed, and a joint statement, adopted at Pittsburgh in 1939, were "wholeheartedly" accepted. The United Lutheran Church went a step farther and, ignoring existing differences in theological position and church practice, affirmed its readiness to enter into relations of altar and pulpit fellowship.

NO ORGANIC UNION

No organic union is projected in these various efforts. There is a striving chiefly for relations of comity in the mission fields and for the recognition by each body of spiritual union with the other. At an inter-synodical conference held in New York City, Pastor F. Meyer struck the keynote, when in his address of welcome he stated the purpose in view was not a merger of synods, but fellowship and love in place of mistrust and misunderstanding among Lutheran pastors of all synods, so that as a great body of kindred minds the Lutheran Church may exhibit the faith that overcomes the world.

The movement is not continuing without a certain amount of opposition in the various bodies. The United Lutheran Church at its convention in 1940 rather reluctantly adopted resolutions of unity because of the fear, expressed by many delegates, that the resolutions might hamper freedom of practice regarding other denominations and secret fraternal orders. In the Missouri Synod, on the other hand, some fears are expressed that a straight confessional stand of that body would be weakened by fraternal relations with others. However, the Union Committee of that body has declared its adherence to the resolution of Synod

ice centers similar to the USO but emphasizing religion as well as recreation, have been established in 58 cities, and of these, 27 are under joint National Lutheran Council-Missouri Synod management. The work in behalf of the armed forces, done by the Lutheran bodies, totals more than two million dollars a year. In the Lutheran centers, Service Pastors from all Lutheran bodies labor in comity side by side.

More recently, a Commission has been established jointly by the National Lutheran Council and the Missouri Synod for the spiritual care of German prisoners distributed over a large number of camps in the United States. About 45 per cent of the prisoners are being served by chaplains of the various Lutheran bodies under a board of which Professor P. E. Kretzmann of St. Louis is chairman.

Conferences are being held at this writing for the inauguration of an all-Lutheran effort for post-war work in Europe and in the mission fields once administered by German and Scandinavian Lutherans.

For the care of Lutheran youth in the nation's capital, a joint National Lutheran Council and Missouri Synod office has been established in Washington.

New England Area Conference March 6

The New England Area Conference of the N.A.E. of which Dr. James T. Rider, pastor of Ruggles Street Baptist Church of Boston, is the chairman, will hold is spring conference March 6. Sessions will begin at 2:00 o'clock at Gordon College, 30 Evans Way, Boston, with a devotional message by Dr. Irving Barnes of the Advent Christian Church. This will be followed by a prayer session, after which a historical sketch of the N.A.E. will be given by the Rev. Melville Hatcher of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

After this a forum will be led by the Rev. Ivar Sellevaag of Portsmouth, Maine. The afternoon meeting will close with a business session.

Evangelicals from the various regional conferences of New England will meet on this day to give reports and to elect officers for the coming year, as well as delegates to the coming National Convention.

Dr. Richard Ellsworth Day, noted Biographer and Bible Teacher, will address the convention on Evangelism April 14.

Dr. Richard Ellsworth Day Is Having Wide Ministry In N. A. E. Churches

The experience of Dr. Richard E. Day in connection with Victorious Life Conferences and Evangelistic Meetings has been unusual. In 1940, he resigned his San Francisco Church to devote more time to writing. Dr. J. Elwin Wright brought him to New England in 1941 for the Rumney Assembly and again in 1942 for the New England Fellowship circuits. Dr. Day had no thought of general work, but his time immediately was taken up over the United States and Canada so that his dates run ahead into 1945.

At the opening of this year, he held meetings in the Ruggles Street Baptist Church and the Park Street Congregational Church and spoke daily over WMEX, Boston. Of the Boston meetings, Dr. James T. Rider says:

"Dr. Day was with Ruggles Street Baptist and Park Street Congregational for 10 days. Because of his wide and careful research, his well chosen vocabulary, his knowledge of the human heart, and particularly his love for the Lord Jesus Christ, we were led to new heights in the exploration of the Word, without one incident to mar the unusual fellowship."

Dr. Day's Winter-Spring itinerary is as follows: Sayre, Pa., First Baptist Church, Rev. E. S. Kalland, pastor, Jan. 12-23; Cedar Rapids, Ia., First Baptist Church, Rev. R. C. Gould, pastor, Jan. 26-Feb. 6;

BOOK REVIEWS

A POPULAR HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By CLARENCE H. BENSON

Moody Press, Chicago $2.00

The author of this timely book, it would seem, has been chosen for his work by a divine providence. Reluctant to leave the pulpit ministry upon which God had set his approval, it seemed to him "unthinkable that he should be set aside for the classroom." Yet other doors were strangely closed to him while the Moody Bible Institute was pressing. With reluctance then, the preacher and pastor consented, as he thought, to become a teacher while hoping that the pastorate would again open to him within a year or two. Influences, however, were at work which completely changed the form of his ministry and kept him at the Institute for 20 years.

The author's first interest in his new field of ministry — Christian Education — came in the assignment of classes in Child Study, Pedagogy and Sunday School Administration. Always deeply interested in evangelism, he welcomed the demonstration by a representative of the American Sunday School Union, at a Founder's Week Conference, of the futility of evangelism without education. The author was inspired to renewed efforts in his work of Christian Education and evangelism in the Sunday School. He came to realize that the marvelous power of Christianity lies in the divine plan for its propagation as well as in its divine origin; and that the progress and permanency of Christianity had been dependent upon a program of education.

The author makes a quotation from Trumbull's Yale Lectures on the Sunday School: "From the beginning, in short, all the way down the centuries, the history of the Christian Church shows that just in proportion as the Bible School has been accorded the place the Lord assigned to it in the original plan of His Church, has substantial progress been made in the extending of the membership, and in the upbuilding of the body of Christian believers in the knowledge of God's Word and in the practice of its precepts. And just in proportion as the Bible School agency has been lacking, or been ignored, has the Church failed in retaining or continuing the vital powers of its membership."

In the light of this truth, the author views with alarm the declining prestige and power of the Sunday School in recent years, "and the unparalled crime wave that has arisen in consequence." He asks with deep interest: "How long can the moral integrity of the Republic be maintained when seven out of 10 of its future citizens are growing up without religious instruction?" He gives some startling statistics regarding the wave of crime in the United States. In the words of the Reverend Clarence Edward Macartney, D. D., speaking on the subject: "Is America on the Road to Ruin?" he tells us that more people had been murdered in the United States in 10 years than all the wars in which the nation had been engaged from the Revolution of 1776 to the colossal conflict of 1917; that crime today in the United States is a more dangerous enemy than Germany and Japan. The gradual disappearance of the Bible from the public school during the nineteenth century, the decline of religious instruction in the home, and the lamentable dwindling of the Sunday School in the twentieth century, Dr. Benson declares, have all contributed to the appaling crime wave of our day. It is tragic, he asserts, that the Church should fail to do its part in this hour of national crisis. That the downfall of our Republic may be averted, if all the religious forces unite in a program for maintaining the moral integrity of the nation, is the author's hope. Dr. Benson is convinced that if we win the children of today by a united effort in an adequate program of religious instruction, the tide of godlessness that threatens to overwhelm the nation can be averted.

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Navy Chaplain Tells of Blessing Among the Servicemen

The following letter was received by Mr. Horace F. Dean, Chairman of CHRIST FOR AMERICA, from Chaplain Norman J. Darling, USNR, and we print it here for the inspiration of our readers:

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." (Ps. 107:2)

"No other words could express our testimony more than the words of this Psalm. I know that all the Christian men of my regiment join me in thanking you for your unceasing prayers made for us, and we know that "prayer changes things" for they have been marvelously answered and it is He that hath gotten us the Victory!

"You will all rejoice when I tell you that aboard my ship we had about 50 men confess or reconsecrate their lives to Christ before the Battle of Tarawa (Gilbert Islands). This could not have been accomplished but for the cooperation of the officers and especially the faithful personal work done by the Christian Marines and sailors among their shipmates. They went to and fro all over the ship witnessing and bringing men to Christ.

"Foremost of those was Dick Offringa, Ted Colson, and Mike Boettcher and many others who lived a daily Christian life. Roy Thaxton was again our talented song leader. As he brought the message one night from the Word, six men accepted Christ. Dick Offringa suggested we have daily morning devotions at 6 a.m. and I wish you could have seen the numbers that turned out! Besides this we had our usual Bible Class sessions and prayer-meetings which added to His Kingdom weekly.

"As we drew near to the day of our attack we began to hold evangelistic services in the evenings. One night after the invitation had been given, more hands were raised than I could possibly accommodate in my stateroom, so I explained the Way of Salvation to them and then invited all that wanted further help to come to my room. When I arrived it was so crowded I could scarcely get in, and with the assistance of Roy and Dick, 22 men accepted Christ that night while others sought me out during

not seen. None other but the living God could have done these things.

"Mike Boettcher told me of how one of the Christian men at the front was leading men to Christ in foxholes. I wish I could write all the personal testimonies of the men but it is impossible here. As for myself, the landing craft I was riding in was hit and sunk in a few minutes, but no one was hit or drowned. While kneeling in the bottom of another craft and seeing our rear gunner crumple at his gun and hearing bullets rake our craft, your helplessness is so childlike, and fear gripped my heart. It was then that the words of the second verse of 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul' quieted my troubled mind; 'Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.' This song will always be dear to me for I know now some of its meaning put there by its Godly author, Charles Wesley.

"I feel I have been unfair to many of the other Christian men of our old Bible Class there in New Zealand who were aboard other ships of our convoy and who were faithful in their witnessing for Christ; such as Francis Benedict, Lincon Moudy, Aubrey McCullough, Kenneth Kempton, Dodson Smith, William Daub, Lucian Pellan, Gilbert Arnold, Bill Travis, Robert Moffet, and many others. We are glad to welcome to our fellowship in Christ, Victor Kilman, already a licensed Baptist minister. I know I am most fortunate in having Vic as my clerk for there is no fellowship like that with those who are called 'according to His purpose.'

"We ask you to continue to carry us and the work of the Kingdom to the Throne of Grace."

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The movement has the active support of the Lutheran Witness, organ of the Missouri Synod, a paper which with its 225,000 subscribers ranks among the most influential religious magazines of the country. Its pages contain frequent editorials stressing the need of closer fellowship relations among Lutherans and commending efforts being made in that direction.

Highly significant for closer relationships between the various Lutheran bodies was the publication of an Overture for Lutheran Unity which appeared in the January issue of the Lutheran Outlook. The proposal consists of a preamble which cites the various doctrinal statements recently adopted by Lutherans of this country as being in essential harmony, and submits a series of 14 paragraphs setting forth the teachings regarding many doctrines which have during the last half century been in controversy.

In this Overture, all the Lutheran confessional writings are subscribed to, the Bible is declared to be inspired and inerrant, the deity of Jesus Christ, substitutionary atonement, justification by faith, election of grace, all are there. The fact that hopes are entertained for uniting Lutherans on what amounts to the traditional doctrinal stand of the communion, emphasizes the conservative position which this denomination has retained while a liberal trend has been evident in many of the leading Protestant denominations.

The large Norwegian and Swedish bodies of Lutherans are also participating in a program of closer fellowship relations with the other Lutheran bodies.

During the month of February, 1944, international pastoral seminars were arranged by a committee of the American Lutheran Conference. The program of these meetings called for a discussion of Post-

[illegible] or denominations and secret fraternal orders. In the Missouri Synod, on the other hand, some fears are expressed that a strictly confessional stand of that body would be weakened by fraternal relations with others. However, the Union Committee of that body has declared its adherence to the resolution of Synod which "encourages our meeting men of other Synods for a friendly discussion of those things for which we stand and to make amends for any offense or mistakes of which we may have become guilty."

The most comprehensive literary contribution to the movement of rapprochement between these bodies is a work of 240 pages entitled "Toward Lutheran Union," written under the joint authorship of two professors of Concordia Seminary, the leading theological seminary of the Missouri Synod. The book is a re-examination of the doctrinal background of Lutheran union, and, while rigid in its theological position, stresses the need of recognizing what is essential and non-essential in the field of dogma, and suggests many possibilities of cooperation in the field of externals. The book has had a large sale in all Lutheran bodies.

COORDINATION OF WAR EFFORT

A number of significant arrangements have resulted from the religious implications of the war effort. The National Lutheran Council, which represents the United Lutheran Church and the church bodies of the American Lutheran Conference, has been able to coordinate its work for the spiritual care of the armed forces with similar efforts of the Missouri Synod. For the first time, the Missouri Synod has entered into coordination with other Lutherans in a joint task. Serv-

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[illegible] Portsmouth, Maine. [illegible] will close with a business session.

Evangelicals from the various regional conferences of New England will meet on this day to give reports and to elect officers for the coming year, as well as delegates to the coming National Convention.

At 7:00 o'clock in the evening there will be a mass meeting at Park St. Church, followed by another business session at 7:45 o'clock. Mr. George McNeil of Weymouth, will lead the song service, and the devotional will be led by Rev. Carleton Helgerson who has been an able assistant to Dr. Rider during the past year in forming regional committees and in gaining interest in various parts of the New England area. The Rev. A. Thorvald Johnson of Hartford, Ct. will bring an inspirational address.

Denver Association of Evangelicals Carrying Active, Inclusive Program

DENVER, Colo. — Among the many activities of the Denver Association of N. A. E. during the month are the following: Feb. 19, Central District Union Prayer Meeting at Salvation Army Hall; Feb. 24, Southern District Union Prayer Meeting at Bethel Baptist Church; Feb. 25, World Day of Prayer, morning and afternoon, at the Evangelical Free Church, evening in the Central Presbyterian Church; Feb. 26, supper meeting at the Y. M. C. A., followed by a business meeting of the constituents for the adoption of a constitution and election of a governing board; Feb. 27, 3 p. m., city-wide rally in the Central Presbyterian Church.

The Denver Association expects to appoint a full-time executive secretary. An anouncement regarding this will be released soon.

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Dr. Day's Winter-Spring itinerary is as follows: Sayre, Pa., First Baptist Church, Rev. E. S. Kalland, pastor, Jan. 12-23; Cedar Rapids, Ia., First Baptist Church, Rev. R. C. Gould, pastor, Jan. 26-Feb. 6. Spokane, Wash., down-town union meetings with 30 churches co-operating, First Baptist Church, Rev. L. A. Plankenhorn, general chairman, Feb. 13-27. Opportunity, Wash., First Baptist Church, Feb. 29-March 12. Kent, Wash., First Baptist Church, Rev. J. Clarence Orr, pastor, March 15-26. Seattle, Wash., Columbia Baptist Church, Rev. O. S. Dodson, pastor, March 29-April 9. Augusta, Ga., to May 1, and Staub Memorial Congregational Church, Portland, Ore., May 14-28.

Dr. Day begins his Fall meetings in the Westminister Church of San Jose, Calif., Dr. H. T. Jones, pastor, and in the Shenandoah Presbyterian Church of Miami, Fla., Dr. Daniel Iverson, pastor.

Gastonia Meeting A Success

(Special Wire)

GASTONIA, N. C., February 22. The N.A.E. conference held in the auditoriom of the First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia today, was one of thrilling interest. The auditorium was well filled, with many people traveling more than a hundred miles to attend the meeting. More than two hundred and fifty of those in attendance were ministers. Dr. William Ward Ayer of New York and Dr. Daniel Iverson of Miami gave messages of exceptional interest. Dr. J. Elwin Wright, Field Secretary of N.A.E. was also one of the speakers.

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The tragic failure of the Jewish nation, as of every nation, is in its failure to obey God's plan for it, and in rejecting its Messiah. Israel not only received from God a code of laws for the permanence of the nation, but also a divine plan for instruction in these laws. The author moves from his study of Jewish education to that of education in the early Church. Beginning with a study of the teaching method of Jesus, the master teacher, the author clearly shows that the teaching ministry predominated in the early Church. The remarkable growth of the early Church has been explained by H. Clay Trumbull, who is quoted by Dr. Benson: "Because the divinely approved plan of child-reaching and child-teaching was adhered to by the immediate successors of the apostles of our Lord, the teaching ministry has never occupied so large a place nor has the Church been so faithful to its trust in carrying out the commands of the Great Commission since the time of the Apostles and post-apostolic fathers."

The author continues his study of Christian education through the dark ages in a world of corruption, war and ignorance, the Reformation, and in modern times, to our own day.

In a study of the modern Sunday School, the author tells us that "the popularity and prestige of the Sunday School encircled the globe until it became the greatest international and interdenominational agency for Christian education in the world." The Sunday School, the author thinks, in its new emphasis and interest in reaching and teaching children in a measure compares with the apostolic age.

The Sunday School, however, began to decline in the 20th century and has been in full retreat since 1926. This, the author holds, is an impending national peril. The writer of this book, a distinguished Christian educator, seeks to show the way in which the peril can be met.

The book is written as a text book for Christian teachers and represents a new movement toward a systemized program for the instruction of the children of our day in the whole Word of God, with the hope that the power and prestige of the Sunday School, which is still the best American agency for Christian education and evangelism, may be regained.

The book, however, is "more than a text book," and may be read by the average Christian reader with great profit and instruction in the newest developments of evangelical Christian methods for the reclaiming of America for Christ.

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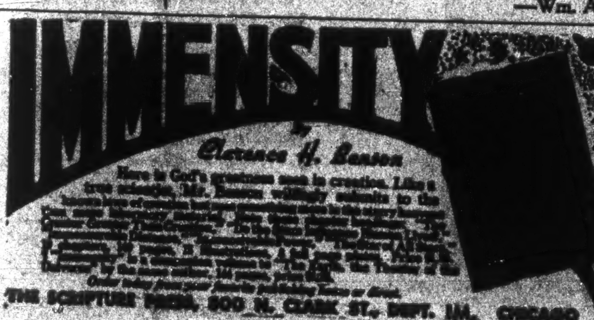

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"At the last service we held before that awful day of battle, I was particularly led to give the officers and men of the assault-waves the following verses from Psalm 108 "Who will bring me into the strong city? Wilt not thou, O God . . . and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts? Give us help from trouble; for VAIN IS THE HELP OF MAN. THROUGH GOD WE SHALL DO VALIANTLY; for He it is that shall tread down our enemies."

"Both the executive officers and company commanders of the first two waves were Christians, the two former officers accepting Christ as their Saviour aboard ship. Some of these men will be decorated in the near future for their valiant work. Roy Thaxton told me after the battle that it was miraculous — the spirit of the Marines — even when everything seemed to be against them, victory hung by a thread, and when the order to go forward was given, these men lost all sense of self and went forward with a spirit heretofore

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Thus far they have had only an unsympathetic response on the part of city officials.

Ethiopia to Bar Missionaries from Politics

STOCKHOLM (by wireless) (RNS) — The Swedish Mission Society has received a letter from Emperor Haile Selassie stating that legislation governing missionary activities in Ethiopia will soon be enacted.

According to the letter, missionary workers will have to make a formal declaration that they will not interfere in politics, but will limit themselves to religious, charitable and educational work.

The Emperor extended cordial greetings to missionaries willing to accept the edict and announced that they would be "heartily welcome."

A new group of Swedish missionaries is ready to leave for Ethiopia soon, the Society announced.

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First Baptist Acts As A Service Center In San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The First Baptist Church of San Diego was a center for service men during World War I. Before the opening of World War II this church had 500 of its members in uniform. It now has 1,100 of its 4,300 members in uniform.

This church, known as the White Temple, consists of eighty-four rooms. The congregation wanted to do its bit in winning a righteous victory so the church library was turned into an emergency hospital and by assistance given through the emergency fund of the NBC it entered into a cooperative program promoted by several of the Baptist churches in San Diego, under the direction of the San Diego City Mission Society.

The First Baptist Church opened its large dining hall, the lounge and kitchen to the project. Three people are employed to carry on the work among military and defense personnel. The rooms are open every day until midnight. The large social hall is given over to recreation. The games consist of shuffle board, ping-pong, darts, volley ball and badminton.

A motherly woman acts as matron and assists the boys in changing their chevrons, serving each evening light refreshments at which time a brief devotional service is held. The director and his wife meet the boys and girls and assist them in getting acquainted and in meeting their personal problems.

In the lounge there is a library with suitable books. Those coming into the center are asked to register under the name of their state. The director has an office for personal interviews and in which a Bible class is held one night a week. Another room contains writing desks where free stationery is furnished.

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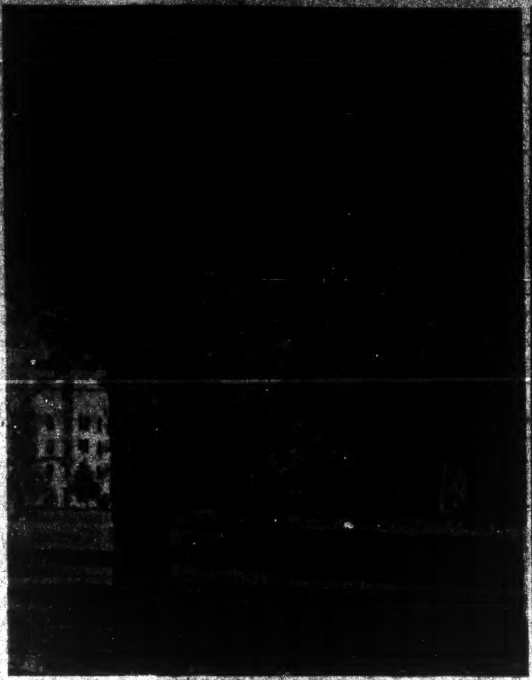

Wheaton College to Sponsor Summer Missionary Conference On "Work Shop" Pattern

Wheaton College, in co-operation with a number of missionary organizations, will sponsor a missionary conference June 13 to 18. Designed as a kind of missionary "work-shop," the conference will center around the theme of "The Unfinished Task."

An informal committee representing the College and several missionary organizations drew up the following objectives for the conference: (1). Discussion of post-war problems and opportunities; (2). Discussion of changes and adaptations of curriculum to be made by Bible Schools and Colleges so as to promote the missionary program; and (3). Presentation of the missionary challenge to young people on the campus and of the Chicago area.

Climaxing the convention, a youth conference will be held on the campus under the auspices of youth organizations from Chicago and the Fox River Valley. This program is planned for Saturday, June 17.

The suggested daily program includes a morning devotional hour, a morning and an afternoon discussion session, and an evening inspirational service. A day will be devoted to the discussion of each of the following questions concerning missions: "Where is our task?" "Who should go?" "How shall we perform our task," and "What is our task, and when shall we meet it?"

Coming immediately after the 1944 Commencement at Wheaton College, the Conference will be coincident with the Inter-Session of the Wheaton Summer School. Ample facilities will be available at a reasonable cost for all delegates and visitors.

Addresses C.M.A. Group

N. A. E. Organizes In Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Feb. 1 — Dr. T. Roland Philips of Baltimore and Dr. R. L. Decker of Kansas City were the principal speakers at an introductory conference in this state last week. About 150 attended the afternoon session and over 300 were present in the evening. The sessions were held in Trinity Baptist Church of which Dr. I. L. Yearby is the pastor.

The afternoon session, mostly composed of pastors, voted to form a state organization. The following officers were elected in the evening: Chairman, Dr. I. L. Yearby; Vice-chairman, Rev. I. L. Conley, District Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; Secretary, Rev. V. H. Ray, Secretary-treasurer of the Oklahoma District of the Assemblies of God; Treasurer, Rev. C. H. Williams, State Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

It was agreed that the organization should be on a temporary basis for a period of one year.

The messages of Dr. Philips and Dr. Decker were greatly enjoyed.

Dr. John W. Bradbury will be conducting a conference at Trinity Baptist Church, March 1 to 5.

MR. CLYDE DENNIS of Chicago, who will address the convention on Tract and Sign Evangelism.

Midwest Schools To Gather March 14-17

A three-day leadership seminar for the seniors and middlers from Baptist seminaries and training schools in the middle West, will be held March 14-17 on the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary campus, under the Board of Education and American Baptist Publication Society, led by Dr. Luther Wesley Smith. The students, excused from classes for the seminar, will be given a panoramic view of the Northern Baptist Convention's objectives.

Denominational leaders will present every major phase of the convention work to student leaders from the 10 states most nearly contiguous to Chicago. In addition to those from Northern, seniors and middlers will attend from Central Seminary, Kansas City; Bethel Seminary, St. Paul; Chicago Divinity School and the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago.

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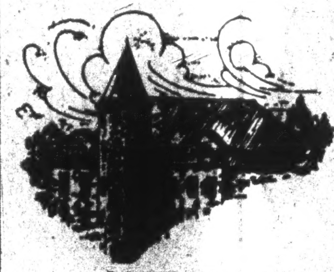

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On Sunday night two "Singspirations" are conducted following the evening service, one for young married couples and one for young people above high school age. These "Singspirations" have a spiritual objective. After getting the visitors introduced, spiritual songs, testimonies and prayers are in order. The young people are not seated. They are free to move about as they wish. There is a wonderful opportunity to win people to Christ through such a Center. Usually before they ship out, the Christian boys want to meet for prayer. Such contacts are encouraging and much pleasure comes from them.

Men workers go on the streets and hand out thousands of cards to military and defense personnel.

The women of the First Baptist Church conduct a club for the wives of service men each Friday. They do Red Cross work and are taught to knit, etc. At noon the lunch, served at a cost of 35c a plate, is followed by a program.

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United Evangelical Action presents as its "PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH", Mr. Wendell Loveless, director of the Radio Department of Moody Bible Institute and its two radio stations, WMBI and more recently the new Frequency Modulation station WDLM. (All photos courtesy SUNDAY School Promoter.)

By BERNICE CARLSON

That the youthful art of radio should have a patriarch is strange enough. But that in this fast-moving field, in which an artist can "arrive" and "disappear" within several years, one man could last for 18 years is nothing short of a phenomenon.

Yet Wendell P. Loveless of Moody Bible Institute station WMBI, is all of that — in religious radio or out.

When Loveless coughed unexpectedly into the microphone one day, he tried to cover up by explaining to his listeners that he had a cold. But they wouldn't take that for an answer without deluging the station with all sorts of remedies — from old fashioned mustard plaster to a concoction of gunpowder and molasses.

Although much water has gone over the dam since the day 18 years ago that Loveless first stepped before a WMBI microphone, he remains today the station's No. 1 attraction. In fact, up until several years ago, there was little doubt but that he was the darling of Christian radio listeners everywhere.

He had to be. He was the only Christian who knew anything about the field.

Since then, such personalities as Charles Fuller, Percy Crawford, Walter Maier and others have come onto the scene and the Loveless star has been somewhat eclipsed. But in the hearts of thousands still — as well as on the pages of radio history—Wendell Loveless still ranks as one of the first great religious radio characters.

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... the Word brought light — and Loveless' life changed.

This changed the course of events — in the personality of Loveless and, in time, in the evangelistic progress of Moody Bible Institute. For news that the brilliant young sales manager had become a Christian soon got around and "the world's largest Bible institute" offered him a position on its staff.

His first job at Moody was writing letters.

Then, almost as if by accident, the way was opened for the Institute in radio — and Loveless was in.

It happened that along with others, the Institute in 1925 had been invited to have a booth at an exposition. The school gave out tracts, drawing people with a student cornet trio. Across the way, radio ...

... cast aired every evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Loveless ad-libs most of his programs, but he does it in such a manner that no one knows the difference. But like all radio men, he has made mistakes. One day, after dictating a letter to his secretary, he went to the microphone to give an announcement and said, "WMBI comma Radio Voice of the Moody Bible Institute."

His employees like him but add that an attractive failing in his personality is "you never know what to do next; he's hard to work with, for he doesn't always give you a program plan."

When Loveless isn't before a mike, he's composing music. He calls it his hobby. His wife says he would rather sit at the piano and compose than almost anything else. The avocation has led to the composition of more than 100 songs and choruses which are known in every state of the Union and in many foreign lands.

Some of the more popular include "Precious Hiding ...

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his latest, "On the Land. On every opportunity to pun, ...

... signed up for conferences in the Summer of 1945.

Loveless, unlike many other radio speakers, has a rare platform manner. He is full of his subject and can hold an audience as well off the radio as on. From his radio experience he is able to condense an hour and a half sermon into 14 minutes. His talks are well outlined and he "leaves his audience with something."

When he finds time, he enjoys writing and has turned out three books on Bible exposition, Sunrise Meditations, New Sunrise Meditations and Little Talks on Great Words.

Three years ago this December, Loveless and his family were in an automobile crash which nearly took his life.

As a result of it, he lost his senses of taste and smell but claims he still likes things from the memory of how they did taste. He has always enjoyed chop suey and Chinese food and his wife's chocolate cake. He is so fond of black tea that his friends call him Wendell "T" Loveless.

Eager to make the best of ...

MR. LOVELESS directing one of the many programs over WMBI.

... who have pet peeves.

At the same time, everything has a spiritual significance for him, and he can turn from the telling of a humorous anecdote to a dead-in-earnest spiritual application at the drop of a hat.

Actually, Loveless has few intimate friends. His circle of acquaintances, however, is great, and to those in it he is most cordial. He will often greet such a friend, "I was thinking about you today and I reckon that the Lord just wanted me to pray for you."

Loveless met his wife, Velma, at a house party in July and they were married that Fall. Today she carries on in a quiet way in their modest brick home in the Chicago suburb, Wheaton.

There are three Loveless boys. Bob, the oldest, is a graduate of Wheaton College, now in Marine officer training, but with his sights set on the foreign mission field.

David, 17, is in chemical engineering at the University of Illinois, while Wendell, Jr., is in high school.

Those who know him speak of "the great change" in Loveless since his automobile accident of several years ago. Whether there is anything to this or whether the mellowing to which they refer is simply the result of time, probably makes little difference.

What they are trying to describe in Loveless most likely could be summed up in a favorite saying of his, "Those of us who teach salvation by grace must always be gracious."

And for the patriarch of radio personalities, who today is as deep in radio as he ever was, that description could hardly be surpassed.
—Sunday School Promoter.

CIO Disapproves of Religious Instruction for Public School Children

NEWARK, N. J. (RNS) — Disapproval of religious instruction as part of public school education, on the grounds that religion is strictly the concern of the various churches, was expressed here by the state CIO executive board.

The labor group went on record as opposed to a bill now before the New Jersey Legislature which would authorize two hours a week of religious instruction if approved by local boards of education. Segregating children according to religion for the purpose of such instruction, would tend to emphasize religious differences, the state CIO leaders held.

Meanwhile, Assemblyman Frank W. Shershin, Passaic County Republican, said he had received more than a dozen letters from clergymen endorsing his bill to permit religious education for public school students. He also noted, however, that another clergyman had denounced his bill as "un-American."

As explained in Trenton, the proposed legislation would permit up to two hours weekly religious instruction and authorized local boards of education to procure the services of clergymen to conduct the program. Students would not be compelled to take the courses under terms of the measure, which was suggested as means to combat juvenile delinquency.

DR. BOB SHULER of Los Angeles will be one of the main speakers of the conference.

Lutheran Sees Post-War 'Ecclesiastical Imperialisms'

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (RNS) —The Roman Catholic Church and the Federal Council of Churches (Protestant) were described here by Dr. T. F. Gullixson, president of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., as "two great ecclesiastical imperialisms which the Luthern Church will have to face in the post-war era."

Dr. Gullixson is also a commissioner to the National Lutheran Church in America.

Addressing a conference of Norwegian Lutheran clergymen from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan, the Lutheran official declared that Catholics will strive to "dominate both ends of the western hemisphere" and that the Federal Council of Churches will attempt to bring all religious groups into a union of "conglomerate religion," a "religion which has been reduced to a common denominator."

He charged that some Lutheran pastors already have experienced difficulties in carrying on their church work because of an attempt by the Federal Council to "control" certain religious fields, and predicted that Lutherans will have increasing difficulty in the years ahead to keep from compromising their Christian principles and position.

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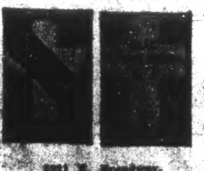

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Today, Loveless is director of WMBI. This means, in addition to the handling of a staff of 80, the planning and scheduling of the 250 programs the station releases every week.

But little matters like that fail to faze Loveless.

In addition, in a normal top season schedule, he will take part in 25 to 30 shows per week himself. And in these he may announce, narrate, accompany at the piano or serve as soloist.

His spare time he spends at his favorite hobby of composing musical numbers or filling invitations to speak at churches and conferences.

Actually the Lord prepared Loveless well for his work.

Curiously enough, he was born in Wheaton, Ill., home of famous Wheaton College. But he was not interested in Christian things in his younger days, and after graduation from the local high school, he hit the road with a concert company in Chautauqua Lyceum, working, playing the piano and impersonating.

Tiring of this, Loveless took conservatory work in Chicago, and then in World War I, served as an instructor in the Marines.

The old timers of Wheaton recall young Loveless as the "boy about town" — they never knew what he would do next.

But when he accepted Christ all that was changed. It happened quite simply, he claims. Just by reading the Bible.

He had been reading the paper one night when a cry from his year-old son in a basket nearby disturbed him. He looked over at him and said to himself, "I'll have to set a better example for him."

Rummaging around, he found a Bible, started to read. Before long, the entrance of

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Running short on prospects, the salesman invited the three players over and they were so pleased they offered the Institute free time on Sunday. As a result of this eye-opener, the Institute next year purchased time over WENR and from there they advanced to their own station, WMBI.

Drafted for the first broadcast, Loveless did so well he was promptly asked to serve as director, a position he refused twice because he saw no future in radio.

In the early days, Loveless was a one-man radio station even more than today.

He would announce the musical number, rush to the piano on which he played, then resume his place at the microphone, announce the next song, and begin to sing.

During the course of a program the listener might hear five different voices—yet each was Loveless.

In those years, Loveless didn't have too much time to spend with his family but it wasn't until he brought home one of his transcriptions that he noticed this.

When Wendell, his youngest son, heard his father's voice, he asked, "Is that you speaking, Daddy?"

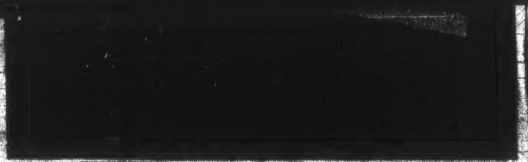
"Yes, son," Loveless answered.

"But when are you coming home?" the little fellow persisted.

Today, Loveless' responsibilities are greater than ever, but with the years, he has learned to spread himself.

And if his friends have any criticism of him, one is that he still shoulders the burden of the heavy programs himself.

And now, along with the directing of WMBI, comes the additional responsibility of the station's new outlet—WDLM, a frequency modulation broad-



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Place," "V is for Victory," and his latest, "On the Land, On the Sea, In the Air."

The last chorus has been printed on song sheets and is being sent to service men and women all over the world.

He has published four song and chorus books. His elder son, Bob, collaborated on two.

Some people have criticized the Loveless choruses because they are "jazzy."

Loveless says it is not jazz, but rhythm. "Don't be afraid of rhythm — sinful when used for wrong purposes . . . The value of music is to convey the message of the words . . . I believe in meeting the young people's needs."

Indefatigable, Loveless is always on the go. He is already

every opportunity to pun, Loveless manages an appearance of lightheartedness that would falsify his 51 years.

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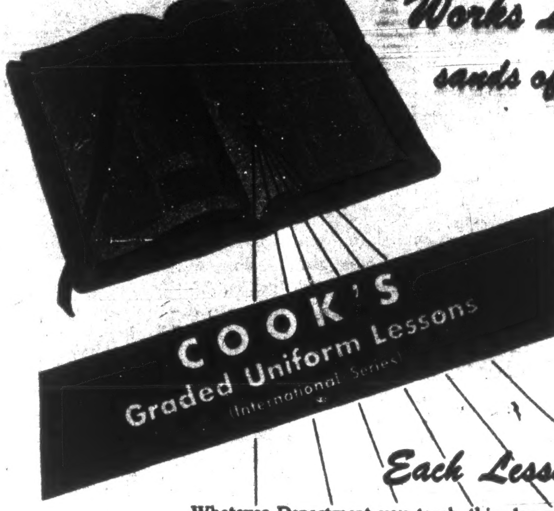

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